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The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Chamber, (State Bank Building) Islamabad, at half-past five of the clock in the evening, Mr. Chairman (Mr. Habibullah Khan) in the Chair.

(Recitation from the Holy Qur'an)

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Chairman : We take up questions.

Question No. 99.

TOURIST RESORTS IN BALUCHISTAN

99. *Qazi Faizul Haque Khan : Will the Minister of State for Minority Affairs and Tourism be pleased to state :

(a) the arrangements made to develop tourist resorts in Baluchistan ;

(b) the number of tourists from abroad who entered Pakistan *via* Nokhundi and Chaman during 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75 ; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned through the tourist trade during the aforementioned four years ?

Malik Mohammad Jafar : The team of foreign experts engaged by United Nations for preparation of Tourism Plan had conducted a survey in Baluchistan and have recommended the following sites for development from tourist point of view during the fifth five year plan period :—

1. Ziarat.
2. Gadani Beach.

PTDC has already taken on lease accommodation complex at Ziarat and has carried out necessary repairs and renovation. Plans are also in hand to develop/extend accommodation at Ziarat.

Gadani Beach was identified as a suitable site for development of international tourism. PTDC has already made payment amounting to Rs. 5,40,800 towards cost of 172 acres of land allotted to them by the Government of Baluchistan. As soon as the possession of land is handed over to them, a feasibility study would be undertaken for provision of facilities at Gadani Beach.

In order to tide over the accommodation problem at Quetta. PTDC is planning to establish a hotel at Quetta.

Plans are being drawn for establishment of Tourist Complexes at Koh-e-Taftan (Pak-Iran) and Chaman (Pak-Afghan) borders.

A statement in regard to tourist arrivals via Nokhundi and Chaman check posts for the years 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75 is placed on the table. (Annex I).

A statement in regard to foreign exchange earnings for the years 1971-74, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75 is placed on the table. (Annex II).

Annex. I

2. TOURISTS ARRIVALS THROUGH CHAMAN AND NOKHUNDI

Year	Chaman	Nokhundi
1971-72	3097	1984
1972-73	2996	2970
1973-74	1530	5475
1974-75	1762	4396

Annex. II

3. FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AS REPORTED BY STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

Year	U.S. Dollar
1971-72	1,96,10,280
1972-73	1,51,45,000
1973-74	2,03,02,000
1974-75	2,75,19,000

قاضی فیض الحق : ضمنی سوال - کیا وزیر صاحب یہ بتائیں گے کہ بلوچستان میں فورٹ سنڈمین سے ۲۵ میل دور شلنگر کے مقام پر جو ٹورسٹ رزارٹ چلے ہی موجود ہے اس کی ترقی کا کوئی بندوبست کیا ہے ؟

ملک محمد جعفر (وزیر مملکت برائے اقلیتی امور و سیاحت) : جناب والا ! فوری طور پر اس کی کوئی تجویز ہمارے زیر غور نہیں ہے لیکن فاضل ممبر نے جس طرف ہماری توجہ دلائی ہے اس کا ہمیں احساس ہے اور تمام ایسے مقامات جو سیاحت کے اعتبار سے اہم ہیں ان کی ترقی کے لئے اقدامات کئے جائیں گے لیکن ذرائع اور وسائل کا سوال ہے اور اس کے مطابق priority مقرر ہوتی ہے بہر حال اس کے متعلق ضرور غور کریں گے۔

قاضی فیض الحق : سبلیمنٹری سوال - میں وزیر صاحب کا بڑا مشکور ہوں کہ انہوں نے یہ یقین دلایا کہ اس اہم ٹورسٹ رزرائٹس پر غور کرنے کے لئے تیار ہیں اور ساتھ ہی میں یہ بھی پوچھوں گا کہ یہاں انہوں نے جو جواب دیا ہے کہ :

In order to tide over the accommodation problem at Quetta, PTDC is planning to establish a hotel at Quetta.

یہ ہر اپر کوئٹہ میں ہے اور کیا اس کے لئے زمین حاصل کی گئی ہے اور یہ کہاں حاصل کی گئی ہے کیونکہ میں بھی ابھی کوئٹہ سے آ رہا ہوں ؟

جناب ملک محمد جعفر : جناب والا ! اس کی پوزیشن یہ ہے کہ بلوچستان کی سیاحت کمیٹی کا ایک اجلاس ہوا تھا اس میں میں بھی موجود تھا تو یہ دقت کہ کوئٹہ میں کوئی اچھا ہوٹل نہیں ہے کافی عرصے سے محسوس کی جا رہی ہے لیکن جگہ کے متعلق مختلف مسائل تھے کہ جگہ چھاؤنی میں حاصل کی جا سکتی ہے اور کیسے حاصل کی جا سکتی ہے پھر پانی کا سوال ہے کہ اس جگہ پانی دستیاب ہوگا یا نہیں ہوگا پھر ایک اور یہ بات بھی ہے کہ یہ ہوٹل کس ایجنسی کے ذریعے بنایا جائے یا کوئی پرائیویٹ پارٹی بنائے یا PTDC بنائے یا پرائیویٹ پارٹی PTDC اور بلوچستان گورنمنٹ مل کر بنائے۔ بہر حال ان تمام تجاویز پر غور کرنے کے بعد ایک جگہ کے متعلق صوبائی حکومت نے سفارش کی ہے کہ یہ موزوں ہے اور یہ خاص کوئٹہ شہر میں تو نہیں ہے لیکن اس سے زیادہ دور بھی نہیں ہے لہذا اس کے متعلق سفارش آتی ہے کہ یہ جگہ موزوں ہے اور اس کا جو مالک ہے وہ بھی اس بات کا خواہش مند ہے کہ اگر گورنمنٹ اس کے ساتھ شریک ہو تو وہ ہوٹل بنانے کے لئے تیار ہے یہاں ایک اور بھی دقت ہے کہ ہمارے ملک کے زیادہ لوگ جو ہیں وہ کوئٹہ میں ہوٹل بنانے کے خواہشمند نہیں ہیں اگر ایسا ہوتا تو وہاں ہوٹل بن گیا ہوتا۔ اس لئے اس وقت جو تجویز زیر غور ہے وہ صوبائی حکومت کی سفارش پر کوئٹہ کے بالکل قریب جگہ ہے اور ہوٹل کے لحاظ سے اتنی دور نہیں ہے کہ اس کے استعمال میں دقت ہو لیکن ابھی وہ ابتدائی مرحلے میں ہے لیکن اگر اس ضمن میں کوئی اور تجویز آئی اور وہ اس کے مقابلے میں بہتر ہوئی تو ہم اسے support کریں گے۔

Mr. Chairman : Next. Yes, do you want supplementary ?

Mr. Afzal Khan Khoso : Yes, Sir.

جناب چیئرمین : اچھا جی فرمائیے۔

Mr. Afzal Khan Khoso : Sir, the honourable Minister has mentioned that "PTDC has already taken on lease accommodation complex at Ziarat and has carried out necessary repairs and renovation." I would like to ask the honourable Minister whether it is a fact that the rates of accommodation have been increased to such an extent that it has become rather discouraging for tourists after the PTDC has taken over the complex over there.

ملک محمد جعفر : نہیں مجھے اس بات سے اتفاق نہیں ہے میں وہاں خود گیا تھا اور وہ جگہ دیکھی ہے اور میں نے وہ اعداد و شمار بھی دیکھے ہیں کہ کتنے لوگ یہاں رہ رہے ہیں تو میرے خیال میں کرایہ زیادہ نہیں ہے جس کی وجہ سے لوگ

(Malik Mohammad Jafar)

استعمال کرتے ہیں۔ کیونکہ بہت سے لوگ وہاں جاتے ہیں اور وہاں جگہ خالی نہیں ہوتی تو اس وجہ سے ہم اس کی توسیع کرنے کی سوچ رہے ہیں اور یہ renovation ہے۔ وہاں بعض ایسی چیزیں ہیں جو غیر تسلی بخش ہیں مثلاً کمروں کے فرش اور اس کی دیواریں وغیرہ ٹھیک کرنے کی سوچ رہے ہیں۔

Mr. Chairman : Thank you.

Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan : Supplementary, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Yes ?

Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan : About the figures given in Annexure II with respect to foreign exchange earning by the State Bank of Pakistan, I would like to know from the honourable Minister, is it with regard to tourists entering *via* Nokhundi and Chaman or in respect of all the routes ?

Mr. Chairman : Yes.

Malik Mohammad Jafar (Minister of State for Minorities and Tourism) : The number of tourists from abroad who entered Pakistan *via* Nokhundi and Chaman during 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75 ; and the amount of foreign exchange earned through the tourist trade during the aforementioned four years

یہ اسٹیٹ بینک سے اعداد و شمار حاصل کئے گئے ہیں تو یہ سارے ملک کے لئے ہوں گے کیونکہ ”سی“ میں یہی پوچھا گیا تھا۔

قاضی فیض الحق : ضمنی سوال - سر ! سارے ملک کا سوال نہیں - (b) میں ہے کہ :

“the number of tourists from abroad who entered Pakistan *via* Nokhundi and Chaman”

اور (c) میں

“the amount of foreign exchange earned through the tourists trade during the aforementioned four years,”

that means it relates to Chaman and Nokhundi only.

Malik Mohammad Jafar : Well, if intention was to confine the question to the tourists entering through these routes, then I would say that intention has not been properly expressed in the question. If separate information is required in respect of these routes, then a separate question can be asked.

Mr. Chairman : Yes, next Mr. Leghari.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

100. *Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari (put by Rao Abdus Sattar) : Will the Minister for Fuel, Power and Natural Resources be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount allocated for rural electrification during 1973-74 1974-75 and 1975-76, province-wise ;

(b) the targets of rural electrification during the aforementioned period, province-wise : and

(c) whether there has been any reduction in the allocation/targets for 1975-76 as compared to 1974-75 ; if so, the reasons therefor ?

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : (a) The total amount allocated is as below :—

(The Figures are in lakhs of Rupees)

		Punjab	Sind	N.W.F.P.	Baluchistan	Total
1973-74	...	300	115	75	10	500
1974-75	...	1050	525	210	52.50	1837.50
1975-76	...	622.08	359.00	177.12	47.52	1205.72

(b) The original targets, namely villages to be electrified in each province, are given below :—

		Punjab	Sind	N.W.F.P.	Baluchistan	Total
1973-74	...	300	115	75	10	500
1974-75	...	550	300	120	30	1000
1975-76	...	288	215	82	22	607

(c) The number of villages to be electrified during 1975-76 has been reduced compared to 1974-75 because of :

- (i) provision of funds for renovation of distribution systems so as to improve the quality of service, which was not done in the previous years,
- (ii) increases in costs of equipment and materials,
- (iii) larger distances of villages to be electrified from WAPDA's power lines.

Mr. Nargis Zaman Khan Kiani : Supplementary, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Yes ?

جناب نرگس زمان خان کیانی : کیا وزیر صاحب بتائیں گے کہ فیڈرل ایریا کے دیہات کے لئے بھی کوئی علیحدہ رقم رکھی گئی ہے۔

جناب محمد یوسف خٹک : فیڈرل ایریا کے لئے کوئی علیحدہ رقم مخصوص نہیں کی گئی۔ اس کو پنجاب میں ہی شمار کیا جاتا ہے۔ لیکن یہ سوال اس سے پہلے بھی اٹھایا گیا تھا، اور اس میں میں دیکھوں گا کہ اس کو include کیا گیا ہے یا نہیں۔

I will investigate into the matter.

Mr. Chairman : Next question No. 101.

BAUXITE DEPOSITS

101. *Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari (put by Rao Abdus Sattar): Will the Minister for Fuel, Power and Natural Resources be pleased to state :

(a) whether large deposits of commercially exploitable bauxite have discovered in Khushab Tehsil of Sarghodka district ; and

(b) if answer to (a) above be in the affirmative, what plans have been drawn up to convert bauxite into alumina for export or further processing it into aluminium within the country ?

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : (a) Deposits of bauxite have been located in Khushab area. Detailed investigations are in progress to determine the feasibility of exploiting them on a commercial scale.

(b) The bauxite is of low grade, and cannot be converted by conventional methods into alumina. Studies are being carried out to evolve a suitable process of converting it into alumina.

Mr. Chairman : Next question No. 102.

MINERAL DEPOSITS

102. *Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari (put by Rao Abdus Sattar): Will the Minister for Fuel, Power, and Natural Resources be pleased to state :

(a) the nature and extent of mineral deposits discovered/located in Dera Ghazi Khan district ; particularly of iron ore, fuller's earth and gypsum ;

(b) whether there are any plans for exploitation of the mineral deposits discovered in Dera Ghazi Khan District in the Public Sector by any of the Federal Government Organisations ; and

(c) if reply to (b) above be in the negative, whether the Government is willing to permit the Punjab Mineral Development Corporation to exploit such minerals ?

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : (a) Large deposits of Gypsum (seventy million tons), Fuller's earth about (30 million tons), Limestone about (200 million tons) are located in Dera Ghazi Khan District. Coal occurs in small quantities. Iron ore deposits have been located but the quantity and grade of the ore is yet to be determined for which studies are in progress.

Oil and Gas Development Corporation have discovered natural gas in Rodho. Further work is in progress to determine the extent of the reserve.

(b) State Cement Corporation is contemplating setting up of a Cement factory. This would utilize the limestone and gypsum etc.

(c) As stated in reply to (b) above, plans are in hand for exploitation of the mineral deposits discovered. Mineral development and exploitation being a Provincial subject, the question of seeking permission from the Federal Government by the Punjab Mineral Development Corporation does not arise.

Rao Abdus Sattar : Question No. 103, Sir, on behalf of Khawaja Mohammad Safdar.

Mr. Chairman : Question No. 103 cannot be answered. Questions No. 103, 104 and 105 relate to the Parliamentary Affairs Division. I have received a request from the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Malik Mohammad Akhtar. He is on tour at Lahore and would not be able to come. So, he has requested for the postponement of these questions to 24th. So, all the three questions *i.e.* 103, 104 and 105 stand deferred to the sitting on 24th.

Now, question No. 106. Yes, Qazi Sahib ?

Qazi Faizul Haque Khan : Question No. 106.

Mr. Chairman : With regard to your question No. 106 reply is not received. So, this is also deferred.

Qazi Faizul Haque Khan : Deferred ?

Mr. Chairman : For the time being it stands deferred but 103, 104 and 105 will be taken up on the 24th.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE

[Information promised by Mr. S. Qaim Ali Shah, Minister for Industries, in answer to the Starred Question No. 73 put by Senator Khawaja Mohammad Safdar on 12th December, 1974, regarding Sugar Mills].

The required information is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF THE NEW SUGAR MILLS
AND THEIR PRESENT STATUS IS ENCLOSED AS ANNEXURE—I

Sl. No.	Name/Location	Public/Private Sector	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Approximate Year of Initial Production	Present Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
Punjab					
1.	Pasrur Sugar Mills, District Sialkot.	Public Sector, Punjab Industrial Development Board (PIDB)	Rs. 150 Million	1977-78	ECNEC approved the scheme on 25.1.75. Plant is being supplied by HMC, Taxila. The arrangements for installation of deep wells at the selected site have been finalised and physical work is expected to start by December, 1975.
2.	Pattoki Sugar Mills, Distt. Lahore.	—do—	Rs. 150 Million	1977-78	ECNEC approved the scheme on 31.8.74. Plant is being supplied by HMC, Taxila. Physical work is expected to start by December, 1975.
3.	Kamalia Sugar Mills, Distt. Lyallpur.	—do—	*Rs. 190 Million (including F. E. Rs. 90 Million)	1977-78	ECNEC approved the scheme on 25.1.75. U.K. Government have allocated tentatively £ 9 million for the project. Final approval of credit is awaited.

4.	Kot Adu Sugar Mills, District Muzafargarh.	—do—	*Rs. 180 Million (including F. E. Rs. 90 Million)	1977-78	ECNEC approved the scheme on 25.1.75. Financing arrangements are being firmed up.
5.	Ahmedpur East Sugar Mills, District Bahawalpur.	—do—	Not yet determined	Not yet determined	The scheme is under preparation.
6.	Samundari Sugar Mills, District Lyallpur.	—do—	Rs. 269.20 Million	1977-78	Feasibility report has been prepared. The mill will be based on local machinery, to be supplied by H.M.C. Taxila with whom contract was signed in June 1975. Other work connected with the construction of the mill has been taken up.
SIND					
7.	Dadu Sugar Mills, District Dadu.	B.O.M. (Sind) Public Sector.	Rs. 142 million (including F.E. Rs. 98 million),	1977-78	ECNEC approved the scheme on 31.8.74. The contract with the French suppliers has already been signed, and has been duly approved by the French Government. Construction work on the mills is in progress and local problems are being sorted out. An intensive agricultural programme is in hand. The programme aims at increasing the sugar cane production in consultation with the British and French experts with a view to

*Note: The foreign exchange cost is subject to revision at the time of finalisation of its allocation.

Present Status

Approximate
Year of Initial
ProductionEstimated Cost
(In Rs.)Public/Private
Sector

Name/Location

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ensuring sufficient supply of sugar cane by 1977 when the mill is expected to go into production.

ECNEC approved the scheme in August, 1975. Financing arrangements are being firming up.

ECNEC approved the scheme in August, 1975. Financing arrangements are being firming up.

The work of construction of factory building and the residential colony has since been awarded to contractors who have started work on site. Some of the local machinery items manufactured in Gujranwala have reached the mill site. The first consignment of machinery being imported from France has reached Karachi and is under clearance.

1977-78

Rs. 268.02 million
(including F.E. of
Rs. 156.84 million).

B.O.M. (Sind)
Public Sector

Thatta Sugar Mills,
District Thatta.

8.

1977-78

Rs. 169.807 million
(including F.E.
Rs. 102.556
million).

B.O.M. (Sind)

Shikarpur Sugar Mills,
District Shikarpur.

9.

1976-77

Rs. 168 million
(including F.E.
Rs. 103 million).

Private Sector.

Consolidated Sugar
Mills, District
Khairpur.

10.

11. National Sugar Mills, District Thatta. Private Sector. Not yet determined. —
- PICIC sanctioned the project in March, 1973, but the sponsors did not show sufficient interest due to high cost of imported plant, increase in price of cane etc. The sponsors have renewed the interest in the project and credit has been placed at the disposal of PICIC for the project.
12. Sanghar Sugar Mills, (Shahdadpur), District Sanghar. Private Sector. —
- The Government of Sind have recently given clearance to a private party to install the sugar mill. Final approval is being sought. The sugar mills would be in place of the mill proposed earlier for Ranipur which could not proceed because of lack of interest of the sponsors.
13. Tando Ghulam Ali Sugar Mills, Tando Ghulam Ali. Private Sector. —
- The matter is closed since the party lost interest.
- N.W.F.P.
14. Khazana Sugar Mills, District Peshawar. Sarhad Development Authority (Public Sector) Rs. 161.95 million (including F.E. of Rs. 99.43 million). 1975-76
- ECNEC approved the scheme on 8-11-73. Belgian Credit is allocated for machinery. Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited have agreed to supply natural gas for the Mills. Trial crushing in the mills is expected during the current crushing season.

Sl. No.	Name/Location	Public/Private Sector	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Approximate Year of Initial Production	Present Status
15.	Pabbi Sugar Mills.	Sarhad Development Authority (Public Sector)	—	—	Earlier proposal for location of the mill at Tangi has been changed and Provincial Government are now considering Pabbi for that purpose. Feasibility report is under preparation.
16.	Paharpur Sugar Mills, District D. I. Khan.	—do—	—	—	Provincial Government is determining suitable location.
17.	Surdheri Sugar Mills, District Mardan.	—do—	—	—	—do—

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. Chairman : Now, there are some leave applications. This is from Mr. Kamal Azfar. He has been advised rest because of the sprained knee by the Doctor concerned who had examined him. So, he wants leave of the House for 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th. Any objection ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : Should the leave be granted to him ?

(The leave was granted)

Mr. Chairman : All right, leave is granted.

Then, there is another application from Miss Asifa Farooqi for two days i.e. 22nd and 23rd. Should the leave be granted to her.

(Pause)

Mr. Chairman : There is no vice one way or the other.

Should the leave be granted ?

(The leave was granted)

Mr. Chairman : All right, leave is granted.

Then, there is a third application. This is by Mr. Ghulam Rasool for leave from 22nd to 24th saying "my work if any may be deferred". Well, he is indisposed. He wants leave of absence from 22nd to 24th. Should the leave be granted ?

(The leave was granted)

Mr. Chairman : Leave is granted.

Then, there is another application by Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan, Senator.

Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan : No, Sir, this is for Farooq Leghari. I had applied for Farooq Leghari.

Mr. Chairman : It reads :

"I received a telephone call from Senator Farooq Ahmed Khan that he has some urgent work. He may please be granted leave of absence for two days 22nd and 23rd."

Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan, did you receive the telephone call from Mr. Farooq Ahmed Khan ?

Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan : Yes, Sir, at 3.00 p.m. I received a telephone call from Mr. Farooq Leghari—today at 3.00 p.m.

Mr. Chairman : Well it would have been better if he had sent a telegram. Normally, we receive written requests but it is upto the House.

Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan : Sir, he talked to me on telephone.

Mr. Chairman : Should the leave be granted to him for two days—22nd and 23rd ?

(The leave was granted)

Mr. Chairman : All right, leave is granted.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RE : ADOPTION OF
THE LAND REFORMS (BALUCHISTAN PAT FEEDER CANAL)
REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975.

Mr. Chairman : Then, there is a message from the Secretary, National Assembly to the Secretary, Senate Secretariat. It reads :

“In pursuance of rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, I have the honour to inform the Senate Secretariat that the National Assembly passed [The Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1975] on the 12th December, 1975. A copy of the Bill is transmitted herewith.”

Mr. Chairman : Now, we take up legislative business. Item No. 3 stands in the name of Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak. Yes, item No 3.

THE PAKISTAN ENGINEERING COUNCIL BILL, 1975

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak (Minister for Fuel, Power and Natural Resources) : Mr. Chairma, Sir I beg to move :

“That the Bill to make provision for the regulation of the engineering profession [The Pakistan Engineering Council Bill, 1975], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That the Bill to make provision for the regulation of the engineering profession [The Pakistan Engineering Council Bill, 1975], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.”

Yes, any opposition ? Any objection ? No.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : Sir, may I move the next one.

Mr. Chairman : If you want to make a statement in support of your motion, you can.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : *Mr. Chairman, Sir, I don't propose to make a very lengthy statement because it is not really required by this totally uncontroversial Bill until now, there has been no engineering organisation in Pakistan which had the legal authority to lay down minimum qualifications in the engineering profession or to take action against members of the profession indulging in an unethical practice. It was an instant demand of the engineering profession that a council on the lines of Pakistan

*Speech not corrected by the honourable Minister.

Medical Council should also be established for the engineering profession. We held a number of meetings with the members of the engineering profession, and in consultation with them this Bill has been drafted. I hope, Sir, that it will now fulfil a very great need in the engineering profession. They will be able to lay down minimum qualifications in their own profession, and if there are some people who are indulging in unethical or unprofessional conduct they will be able to take action against them. I hope, Sir, along with the amendment that has been carried out in the WAPDA Authority Act and the present amendment also, they will bring about those much needed reforms in the engineering profession for which the engineering profession has been clamouring. Thank you, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Any gentleman desirous to participate in the discussion one way or the other, in support or in opposition? None. Should I put the question then?

Now, the question before the House is :

“That the Bill to make provision for the regulation of the engineering profession [The Pakistan Engineering Council Bill, 1975], as reported by the Standing Committee be taken into consideration at once.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Now, we start with the Second Reading of the Bill straightaway. I hope there is no amendment either oral or written, to my knowledge. If there is any you can point out to me. Is there any amendment?

Mr. Masud Ahmad Khan : Sir, there is no amendment, oral or otherwise. But I would like to know from the honourable Minister with regard to the life of the first Engineering Council which is to be constituted in the first instance. The life of the Chairman as enunciated by clause 4 (2) is one year and the life of the Executive Committee as contained in clause 9 (3) is also one year, but there is no mention with regard to the life of the Council.

Mr. Chairman : Well, that you should have done earlier. That would have been very appropriate. Now, when I have put the question it would be very difficult for the Minister concerned to reply to your question or supplementary or whatever you call it. Either you should have moved an amendment or you should have participated in the debate earlier, so that he should have been in a position to reply to your query. Now, it is too late. We have already taken up the Second Reading of the Bill and I don't think that it will be a good precedent. Anyhow, in the Third Reading I suppose the Minister concerned will reply to your query and at that time he will have to make a statement. So, if there is anything for him to say he can say that during the Third Reading. So, gentlemen, the normal practice is that when there are no amendments, either oral or written, to any of the clauses then we can put all the clauses together in lump sum instead of putting each clause separately.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : I can answer this question just now, with your permission.

Mr. Chairman : There will be another reading and you can reply to his query in the Third Reading.

Now, the question before the House is :

“That Clauses 2 to 30 form part of the Bill”.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Clauses 2 to 30 form part of the Bill.

Clause 31. This is about the repeal.

Now, the question before the House is :

“That Clause 31, regarding repeal, forms part of the Bill.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Clause 31 forms part of the Bill.

Now, the question is :

“That Preamble, Title and Clause 1 form part of the Bill.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Preamble, Title and Clause 1 form part of the Bill.

Now, I put Schedules. There is First Schedule and Second Schedule. We can put both together. There is no amendment to any of the two.

Now, the question before the House is :

“That the First Schedule and the Second Schedule form part of the Bill”.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Schedule First and Second both form part of the Bill.

Now, we move on to the Third Reading. Item No. 4.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission I beg to move :

“That the Bill to make provision for the regulation of the engineering profession [The Pakistan Engineering Council Bill, 1975], be passed”.

Mr. Chairman : The motion made is :

“That the Bill to make provision for the regulation of the engineering profession [The Pakistan Engineering Council Bill, 1975], be passed”.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : Now you can make a statement, and you can also reply to his query.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : *Sir, I don't think I have very much to add to what I said when I presented the Bill to this august House. It is a step in the right direction, and on the insistent demand of the engineering profession this Bill has been adopted by this Government. So, I think, it will serve its purpose. It was a much needed reform and a great need of the engineering profession, and I am very glad that this need has been fulfilled by this Government after 28 years. As regards the query made by the honourable Member, I would like to point out to him clause No. 3.

“3. Constitution and incorporation of Engineering Council.—(1) There shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Act an Engineering Council to be known as the Pakistan Engineering Council.

“(2) The Council constituted under sub-section (1) shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession...”

Sir, this Council is not going to have life of one year but it will have perpetual succession.

“... and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold property, both movable, and immovable and to contract, and shall by the name by which it is known sue and be sued”.

“(3) The Council shall be composed of all persons whose names may hereafter be entered in the Register, so long as they continue to have their names borne on the Register.”

So, Sir, the life of the Council is a perpetual life, and it will just keep on. Anybody who wants to become a member of this Council and is an engineer can put his name on the Register. This Council will continue like that. They will keep on selecting their own office-bearers from time to time as laid down here. Sir, I hope this will satisfy him.

Mr. Chairman : This is what you wanted to know, Mr. Masud.

Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan : Sir, actually, my query was different. I would refer to clause (4) of section 3. It says :

“Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3), the Council shall, upon its first constitution be composed of—

(a) a Chairman, being an engineer with not.....”

So, Sir, I was actually asking the honourable Minister as to what will be the role of the first constituted Council which will be a nominated body because the life of the Chairman under sub-clause (2) of section 4 of the Bill will be one year and the Executive Committee is to be nominated from amongst the Members. The tenure of the Executive Committee is one year in the first instance. So, I wanted to know as to what will be the tenure of the first constituted Council because this is a nominated body.

*Speech not corrected by the honourable Minister.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : This is absolutely and patently clear that the Council shall be.....

Mr. Chairman : Which sub-clause or clause are you reading?

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Khattak : Sub-clause (2) of clause 3. It states :

“The Council constituted under sub-section (1) shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to contract, and shall by the name by which it is known sue and be sued.”

So, Sir, this Council shall never die. It will always be there. They will keep on electing their own Chairman as laid down here. Under Clause 4 (3) it is stated here that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall subject to sub-section (2), hold office for a term of two years. After that they will elect another Chairman but the Council will continue to function. Clause 4 of the Bill states—

“(1) There shall be a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Council to be elected by the Members from amongst themselves in the prescribed manner.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), for a period of one year from the commencement of this Act, the Chairman shall be the person nominated by the Federal Government under clause (a) of sub-section (4) of section 3.”

So, Sir, for the first year the life of the Chairman will be for one year and after that for two years but the Council will keep on continuing. It will never die. It will have a perpetual succession.

Mr. Chairman : So, I put the question. Is there any other honourable Member who wants to participate in the debate or discussion? None.

The question is :

“That the Bill to make provision for the regulation of the engineering profession [The Pakistan Engineering Council Bill, 1975], be passed”.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Now, there are two more items on the agenda. These are 5 and 6. The Bill is very short and a very simple one, but unfortunately the Minister concerned is not present here.

Malik Mohammad Jafar : Sir, I will pilot the Bill.

Mr. Chairman : So you move item No. 5.

THE LAND REFORMS (BALUCHISTAN PAT FEEDER CANAL)
REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975

Malik Mohammad Jafar (Minister of State for Minorities Affairs and Tourism) : I beg to move ;

“That the Bill further to amend the Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation, 1972 [The Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration”.

Mr. Chairman : Motion moved is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation, 1972 [The Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration”.

Mr. Chairman : Any objection ? Any opposition ? None.

Yes, Malik Jafar, would you like to say a word or two on the subject ?

Malik Mohammad Jafar : Yes, Sir. This is a very short amendment. In the original enactment, the Federal Government was given power of revision and this power could be exercised in two ways : either on the application of an aggrieved person or *suo moto*. Now, with respect to the exercise of this power without an application, that is, *suo moto*, originally an ultimate date was fixed after which this power would not be exercised. The wordings of paragraph 17 of the original Regulation are :

“The Federal Government or any person authorised by it in that behalf may at any time, of its or his own motion or otherwise, call for the record of any case or proceeding under this Regulation which is pending or in which the Board of Revenue or any other authority has passed an order and may pass such order in relation thereto as the Federal Government or, as the case may be, such person thinks fit :

* * * * *

Provided further that the record of any case or proceeding in which the Board of Revenue or other authority has passed an order shall not be called for under this paragraph by the Federal Government or the person authorised by it—(a) of its or his own motion, after the 31st day of March, 1975, or.....”.

Now, Sir, at that time it was considered that by this date all the important disputes will have been resolved and the exercise of power of revision, *suo moto*, will become unnecessary. But considering the progress of the work, now it is being realised that a short increase in this period is necessary. Therefore, what is being proposed in this Bill is that this particular provision is being amended so that in that relevant clause instead of 31st day of May, 1975, it is proposed that 31st day of March, 1976 be substituted. That is all.

Mr. Chairman : Thank you. Any other Member who would like to take part ? Yes.

Mr. Afzal Khan Khoso : This amending Bill is necessary because I feel that there are lots of complexities with regard to record of rights and mutations entered into them. Registers and documents have to be examined. So many other field documents have to be examined and I feel that it is a complex work. Therefore, this extension is necessary. I fully support the Bill with better suggestions on my part that although there are lots of complexities and problems to be tackled by the Federal Land Commission, there should be some sort of measures whereby the work should be expedited in such a manner that recurrent delays do not take place or amendments are not felt necessary in the original Bill for further extension of period. I think, since 1972 that we have passed the original Regulation, in these three years, sufficient progress must have been made. Yet the remaining business should be expedited in such a way that it is completed by the 31st of March, 1976 and that there is no necessity for further extension of time although I am not against extension. The work should, however, be completed. I am against only delay. I feel that since delay defeats justice, there should not be any further delay in the completion of the rest of the work left out. With these words, I support the amending Bill.

Mr. Chairman : Thank you ! Any other gentleman who would like to speak ? None.

The question is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation, 1972 [The Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration”.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Now, we take up the Second Reading of the Bill. This is a short Bill. There are only two clauses. So I put the question.

The question is :

“That Clause 2 stands part of the Bill”.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The question is :

“That Preamble, Short Title and Clause 1 stand part of the Bill”.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Now, we take up item No. 6.

Malik Mohammad Jafar : Sir, I beg to move :

“That the Bill further to amend the Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation, 1972 [The Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1975], be passed”.

Mr. Chairman : Motion moved is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation, 1972 [The Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1975], be passed”.

Yes ? Is no one desirous to speak on it ? Would you like, Malik Sahib, to say anything to what you have already stated ?

Malik Mohammad Jafar : No, Sir, but I would like to add this that I assure the honourable Member who has raised this question that the work should be finalised expeditiously that the Government is conscious of its responsibility to do so and we will make all efforts to complete the work as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman : Thank you. This is the assurance coming from a responsible Minister. Yes, Minister ?

A Voice : That's all, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Thank you very much. Now, I put the question. The question before the House is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation, 1972 [The Land Reforms (Baluchistan Pat Feeder Canal) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1975], be passed”.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The Bill stands adopted unanimously.

No other work. Now, we will be meeting tomorrow. Will 10 suit you—10 in the morning ? We have at least two more days that will complete our constitutional requirement of 90 days. We are short by two days still. We are to meet tomorrow and some other day also. Would 10.00 a.m. suit you ?

Mir Nabi Bakhsh Zehri : 10.30, Sir, I think this should be better.

Mr. Chairman : 10.30, all right you must give reason for that. You disagree with me ? You want 11.00 ?

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Mr. Chairman : Yes, thank you very much.

I am sorry, Mr. Zehri. The difficulty is that tomorrow we are holding a Finance Committee meeting which is a very important meeting. So, if we come here by 10.30, naturally we will do some work, and then we won't be able to attend that meeting. I think, you will put up to some inconvenience for the sake of the Finance Committee members.

Thank you very much. So, we meet tomorrow in the morning at 10.00 a.m. The House stands adjourned.

The House adjourned to meet again at ten of the clock in the morning on Tuesday, December 23, 1975.