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SENATE DEBATES

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

Monday, March 8, 1976

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

(Recitation from the Holy Quran)

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Chairman : Yes, we take up questions. Question No. 26 is in the name of Qazi Faizul Haque Khan.

Mr. Ghulam Rasool A. Siddiqui : Question No. 26, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : You are asking on his behalf Mr. Siddiqui ?

Mr. Ghulam Rasool A. Siddiqui : Yes, Sir.

TRANSIT TRADE OF AFGHANISTAN

26. *Qazi Faizul Haque Khan : (put by Mr. Ghulam Rasool A. Siddiqui). Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Afghanistan ever requested Government of Pakistan for extension of rail link from Chaman (Pakistan) to Qandhar or Spinbaldak (Afghanistan) ; and

(b) whether the Pakistan Railways is still handling the transit trade of Afghanistan ; if so, the quantum and value of such goods since the present Government came to power ?

Mr. Hafeezullah Cheema : (a) Under the terms of contract between Government of Pakistan and the U.S. A.I.D., acting as Agent of the Royal Government of Afghanistan, an agreement was signed, in October,

[Mr. Hafeezullah Cheema]

1964, for survey from Chaman (Pakistan) to Spinbaldak (Afghanistan). The survey was started on 2nd November, 1964 and completed on 20th December, 1964.

An agreement between the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan for the operation of the Chaman-Spinbaldak Railway, was concluded between Pakistan and Afghanistan delegations on 25th June, 1966, at Rawalpindi. This operating agreement was a pre-requisite for the construction agreement in connection with the extension of the Railway line from Chaman to Spinbaldak. The construction of the railway line was to be financed by the U.S. A.I.D., who later on in January 1968, expressed their inability to provide funds for construction of the railway line.

(b) Yes. The Pakistan Railways are still handling the transit trade of Afghanistan. A statement showing quantum of Afghan traffic in transit for the year 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75, and freight earned therefrom is enclosed as Appendix 'A'. The value of the goods is not known to the Railway.

Appendix 'A'

STATEMENT SHOWING AFGHAN IN-TRANSIT TRAFIC FOR THE YEARS 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75.

Period	Quantum (Weight in maunds)	Freight
		Rs.
1971-72 To Afghanistan From Afghanistan	... 94,70,953	2,58,73,233
	4,86,104	17,71,693
1972-73 To Afghanistan From Afghanistan	... 57,19,172	1,64,57,271
	8,36,987	14,90,469
1973-74 To Afghanistan From Afghanistan	... 29,93,510	95,15,723
	3,25,169	13,67,042
1974-75 To Afghanistan From Afghanistan	... 23,23,859	1,34,54,960
	3,11,089	12,41,801

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Supplementary, Sir. Will the honourable Minister-In-charge be pleased to state as to what was the proposed cost of railway extension from Chaman to Spinbaldak ?

Mr. Hafeezullah Cheema : The investigations were carried out on the basis of two alternatives : (1) If the new line was operated as part of the existing Pakistan Railways system or under a running power

agreement with Afghan Government; (2) If it was operated as a siding of existing Pakistan Railways system.

In the case of alternative (1), the cost of construction was then estimated at Rs. 37,38,967/-, and for alternative (2), the cost was estimated to be Rs. 35,33,923/-.

Mr. Chairman : Next. Nobody is asking.

NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND RANKS IN FSF.

27. ***Khawaja Mohammad Safdar** (put by Mr. Kamran Khan) : Will the Minister for Interior, States, and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the number of officers and (b) other ranks, in the F. S. F. as on the 1st January, 1976 ?

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : The number of officers and the members of the Federal Security Force on the 1st January, 1976 was 16,750.

Mr. Chairman : Question No. 28.

RECRUITMENT IN FEDERAL INVESTIGATING AGENCY

28. ***Khawaja Mohammad Safdar** (put by Mr. Kamran Khan) : Will the Minister for Interior, States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state :

(a) the number of D. I.Gs., Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents Police or officers of equivalent ranks, recruited for Federal Investigating Agency upto 1st January, 1976 ; and

(b) the number of subordinate officers and other ranks recruited for the Agency upto 1st January, 1976 ?

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : (a) Officers recruited in various Grades are given below :—

(i) Dy. Inspector General/Directors Police (Grade 19)		7
(ii) Supdts. of Police (Grade 18)	... ..	22
(iii) Dy. Supdts. of Police (Grade 17/16)/Assistant Director	... ..	27
(iv) Officers of equivalent Ranks (Grade 17/16)	... ..	23
	Total	79

This information covers the whole of Pakistan and includes recruitment by transfer, deputation and direct selection upto 1st January, 1976.

[Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan]

(b) The information in respect of Grade 1 to 14, is given below :—

(i) Grade-14 (Office Superintendents)	...	...	11
(ii) Grade-11 (Assistants, Stenographers and Inspectors)	...	...	159
(iii) Grade-8 (Stenotypists)	...	...	26
(iv) Grade-7 (Sub-Inspectors and UDCs)	...	...	156
(v) Grade-5 (Asstt. Sub-Inspectors and LDCs)	...	...	217
(vi) Grade-4 (Staff Car Drivers and Despatch Riders)	...	...	2
(vii) Grade-3 (Head Constables)	...	...	135
(viii) Grade-2 (Constables)	...	...	543
(ix) Grade-1 (Peons, Daftries, Chowkidars, Matees, Farrash and Sweepers)	...	...	70
		Total	1,319

This information covers the whole of Pakistan and includes recruitment by transfer, deputation and direct selection upto 1st January, 1976.

(i) Total (a)	...	...	...	79
(ii) Total (b)	...	...	...	1,319
		Grand Total		1,398

Mr. Chairman: Next question No. 29.....(No reply). Question No. 30.....(No reply). Question No. 31.....(No reply)

All right. Now, we take up privilege motions. Yes.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan (Minister for Interior, States and Frontier Regions): I shall reply to the privilege motion.

Mr. Chairman: The questions which are not answered are not to be reported by the Press. The Senator who had tabled the question was absent, and nobody on his behalf has asked the question. Therefore, the press is not to report.

(The honourable Senator being absent these starred questions and their replies were laid on the Table of the House).

MEDICAL COLLEGES

29. *Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari: Will the Minister for Labour, Manpower, Health and Population Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of medical colleges in the country, province-wise; and

(b) whether it is possible, in the interest of maintaining uniformity in standards, to set up a system whereby medical examinations are controlled and regulated through special Boards set up at the Federal or Provincial levels?

Mir Taj Mohammad Khan Jamali :

Name of the Provinces.	Name of the Colleges
Punjab	1. King Edward Medical College, Lahore. 2. Fatima Jinnah Medical College, Lahore. 3. Lahore Medical College, Lahore. 4. Nishtar Medical College, Multan. 5. Quaid-i-Azam Medical College, Bahawalpur. 6. Punjab Medical College, Lyallpur. 7. Rawalpindi Medical College, Rawalpindi.
Sind	1. Dow Medical College, Karachi. 2. Sind Medical College, Karachi. 3. Chandka Medical College, Larkana. 4. Liaquat Medical College, Hyderabad. 5. Peoples' Medical College, Nawabshah.
N. W. F. P.	1. Khyber Medical College, Peshawar.
Baluchistan	1. Bolan Medical College, Quetta.

(b) The Government of Pakistan has constituted an autonomous body by the name "Pakistan Medical and Dental Council" under the administrative control of Ministry of Health vide Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962.

This Council is empowered to maintain uniform standards in Medical Education and Examinations, conducted through various Universities of Pakistan.

The Council has framed adequate Rules for this purpose which are binding on all Medical Institutions at the Universities.

As far as the suggestion of the honourable Member is concerned, a proposal on similar lines was discussed in the 49th session of the Council held on 9th and 10th November, 1975 at Karachi. The Executive Committee was authorised to explore the possibility of having a Board or a Medical University, at the national level for this purpose and report on the matter. The matter is still under study.

THIRD CLASS BOGIES IN HAVELIAN TRAINS

30 *Sardar Mohammad Aslam : Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bogies attached with the Havelian trains for the passengers travelling in III class from Havelian to Karachi; and

(b) whether it is proposed to attach three additional bogies with these trains for such passengers ?

Mr. Hafeezullah Cheema : (a) A third class coach is running between Havelian and Karachi by 96 Down passengers/2 Down Khyber Mail and 1 Up Khyber Mail/93 Up Passenger and a third class luggage and brake composite coach is running by 5 Up Tezrao/95 Up Passenger and 94 Down Passenger/6 Down Tezrao between Karachi City and Havelian.

(b) No.

BLACKMARKETING OF TICKETS OF SUPER EXPRESS

31. *Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi : Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the complaints of blackmarketing of tickets for seats in the newly introduced "Super Express" between Karachi and Lahore :

(b) if reply to (a) above be in the affirmative, the steps he purposes to take to stop it ;

(c) whether he is also aware of the deplorable condition of the toilets in the third and inter classes in most of the trains ; and

(d) if reply to (c) above be in the affirmative, the steps he proposes to take to improve their condition ?

Mr. Hafeezullah Cheema : (a) It is correct that a few complaints of blackmarketing of tickets in Super Express were received. These were duly enquired into, but the allegations could not be substantiated.

(b) Instructions have been issued to exercise great vigilance against occurrence of such malpractices. A Bill for necessary amendment in the Railway Act has also been introduced to deal effectively with the menace of unauthorised selling of Railway tickets for *mala fide* purposes.

(c) In old wooden coaches, the general condition of the compartments including the toilets is not good. These coaches are due to be replaced which however, is limited by the resources made available for the manufacture of new carriages in the Carriage Factory, Islamabad. The condition of toilets in the new steel coaches is satisfactory.

(d) Toilets are cleaned and dis-infected before departure of the trains. These are also cleaned at large stations *en route* by cleaning staff wearing distinctive badges. The old wooden coaches are being replaced gradually.

Mr. Chairman : Yes, Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan. Do you want to say something.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : Mr. Chairman, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : I have not taken up your privilege motion. Let me take up privilege motion No. 1.

PRIVILEGE MOTION *Re* : NON-INTIMATION OF MOVER'S
ARREST, DETENTION AND RELEASE BY NWFP POLICE

Mr. Chairman : Yes, Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan. This had been deterred because you were absent on that day.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : The reply from the Frontier Government is as follows :—

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Point of order.

Mr. Chairman : (To Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan). You need not narrate the entire reply.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Sir, as the mover of the privilege motion is not present I suggest that this privilege motion should be deferred to some other day.

Mr. Chairman : Why? It was moved. This motion was actually moved. Only its consideration was deferred.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : As he is not here, he cannot reply.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : There is no question of replying.

Mr. Chairman : There is no request from the gentleman concerned to me.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : I request, Sir, on his behalf.

Mr. Chairman : No, no, he should have courtesy to write to me. You are verbally telling me that he cannot be present here for certain reasons.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : He may be late. He may come.

Mr. Chairman : We do not adjourn these things for mere asking unless there is a formal request by the gentleman concerned. We do not

[Mr. Chairman]

know whether he does not want to move it or withdraw it. There should have been request by the gentleman concerned. There is nothing on record, I am sorry.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : Mr. Chairman, Sir, it was fixed for this day and the hon'ble Senator should have been present. The reply is that the local Police is not aware of any such incident having taken place. There is total denial by the Provincial Government.

Mr. Chairman : The complaint of the hon'ble Senator, the Maulana Sahib, as given in this privilege motion is that his arrest was not intimated to the Chairman of the Senate as required by the rules, and then his release was not intimated. So, if there was no question of arrest and no question of release, no arrest and no release, then the question of intimating the Chairman does not arise.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : Yes.

Mr. Chairman : All right. Ruled out of order.

PRIVILEGE MOTION *Re* : MISBEHAVIOR OF KARACHI
POLICE WITH THE MOVER.

Mr. Chairman : There is another privilege motion by the same gentleman. He is not present. Well, normally if there is a request from the gentleman concerned, whether it is from this side of the House or that side of the House, then after sounding the House and taking sense of the Members, we normally defer consideration of that motion. But if there is no request, of course, we cannot transfer it. In future also we will follow the same practice. If there is request that can be considered but if there is no request then it cannot be considered. It cannot be postponed or deferred since there is no request from Maulana Sahib for adjournment or postponement of the privilege motion. Therefore, I have no alternative but to announce that it falls through because of the absence of the mover.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re* : ARREST OF PIA EMPLOYEES
IN LONDON FOR CARRYING CHARAS.

Mr. Chairman : Now, this is an adjournment motion, not privilege motion. This is an adjournment motion again by the same gentleman, Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani, adjournment motion No. 11. Do you volunteer ?

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan : No, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : In view of my ruling that he is absent without making request for its adjournment, postponement or deferment, it falls through.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada (Minster for Education and Provincial Co-ordination) : Impose a fine on him. He is wasting paper.

Mr. Chairman: Will you kindly rise in your seat.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada: I said, you impose a fine on him. He is wasting national resources. So much of paper he has wasted as if nothing happened although no privilege was violated.

Mr. Chairman: Could you refer to any rule under which I could impose fine on him?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada: Except your discretion, I cannot refer to any rule.

Mr. Chairman: Of course, he has a right to be heard. Unless you give him an opportunity to be heard and he is given a Show Cause notice, I cannot fine him. This question will rise only when he is present because then he will be given show cause motion. I cannot fine him.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada: I believe that the Chair has been in a frame of mind to ensure attendence of the Members.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah: This adjournment motion was twice adjourned because the Minister-in-charge was not present.

Mr. Chairman: There was always request from the Minister's side that it should be adjourned but I had to take the sense of the House, and with your consent I had to adjourn that. Mind you, you do not forget that.

There is another motion—adjournment motion No. 12.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re*: BALUCHISTAN GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT THAT FORTY OR FIFTY PERSONS NOW REMAIN ON MOUNTAINS IN BALUCHISTAN

Mr. Chairman: Unfortunately, it is again from the same gentleman, Maulana Sahib. It is not my fault if it falls through.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re*: SHOOTING OF FILM "786" IN PAKISTAN

Mr. Chairman: This is another adjournment motion, No. 13, tabled by Senator Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani. Unfortunately, he is not present. He has made no request for postponement. It falls through.

Well, I must make one thing clear. There should be no misunderstanding about these decisions. Whenever there is request from any gentleman it is considered, and always considered favourably after taking the sense of the House. But if there is no request—well, it border's on discourtesy too, it may not be intentional discourtesy, it may be inadvertent, but it does not take much labour to write to the Chairman, 'please postpone it', and I always do so far as possible. There is no such request. I do not know why.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION Re : WITHDRAWAL BY FRANCE ITS OFFICER TO SUPPLY ATOMIC PLANT TO PAKISTAN

Mr. Chairman : This is another adjournment motion by the same gentleman, adjournment motion No. 14. It is in the name of Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani. It also falls through.

Have we consumed the time fixed for adjournment motions ?

Malik Muhammad Akhtar (Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs) : Twenty minutes more, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Twenty minutes more.

Well, the Maulana Sahib can turned up if he is in the lobby or in the office. I can take up all these adjournment motions today if he can afford to be present.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION Re : CATCHING OF A PAKISTANI FISHING BOAT IN RANN OF KUTCH

Mr. Chairman : This is adjournment motion No. 15 by the same gentleman Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani. Sorry, I can't help it. It also falls through. Well, as long as time is there, what can I do ? Somebody should help me. Actually, it is no pleasure to make these decisions, but I have no other alternative:

ADJOURNMENT MOTION Re : RESTORATION OF ATOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIA BY CANADA

Mr. Chairman : This is adjournment motion No. 16 by the same gentleman, Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani. He is absent. It falls through.

Mr. Chairman : Now, this is adjournment motion No. 18 ?

What about 17 ?

Malik Muhammad Akhtar : It is disposed of.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION Re : INTERIOR MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT PAKISTAN HAS ACQUIRED A BAD NAME IN TRADE ABROAD

Mr. Chairman : It is number 18 in the name of Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani. He is not present. It falls through.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION Re : DESCRETION OF MASJID-E-AQSA BY ISRAELI POLICEMEN

Mr. Chairman : Now, we take up adjournment motion No. 19. This is again in the name of Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani. He is not present. It falls through.

I think Malik Mohammad Akhtar is very happy over the fate of these adjournment motions. It has saved him a lot of worries and headache.

(*Interruption*)

Mr. Chairman: No I don't want to establish that sort of precedent. The hon'ble Senator doesn't come to me. Either he has to give me in writing or tell me orally then I adjourn.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada: Sir, the position under the rules is very clear. If you call a motion and it is not moved, that ends the matter.

Mr. Chairman: This ruling I gave in the last session. So, this adjournment motion falls through. Maulana Sahib is not here.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re*: INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S
CRITICISM OF PAKISAN

Mr. Chairman: Now, this is adjournment motion No. 21 by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. No request has been received from him. He is not present therefore, the adjournment motion falls through.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re*: INCORRECT STATEMENT OF
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER THAT EVERY
GRAIN OF IMPORTED WHEAT SEED WAS
DISTRIBUTED AMONG FARMERS

Mr. Chairman: This is adjournment motion No. 23. This is again by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. He is not present. I received no request from him for the deferment of this adjournment motion, therefore, it falls through.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re*: AGREEMENT WITH INDIA
FOR PURCHASE OF BIDDI LEAVES.

Mr. Chairman: This is adjournment motion No. 25. This is again by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. The same result. No request. He is absent, therefore, it falls through.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re*: FAILURE OF FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
SITUATION

Mr. Chairman: This is adjournment motion No. 27 by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. He is not present. No request has been received for postponement. It falls through.

Now, we take up legislative business. Item No. 3.

THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1976.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I beg to move:

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974. [The Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration”.

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974. [The Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration”.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Opposed.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, then I have to make an opening speech if he has opposed the Bill.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Sir, I beg leave of the House to move an amendment.

Mr. Chairman : Are you going to move an amendment ?

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Sir, I want to move an amendment.

I beg leave of the House to move :

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974. [The Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee concerned”.

Mr. Chairman : The motion by way of amendment moved is :

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974 [The Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.”

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Opposed.

Mr. Chairman : Yes, you make a brief statement, Haji Sahib.

حاجی سید حسین شاہ : جناب والا ! گزارش یہ ہے کہ یہ مسودہ قانون اسمبلی سے منظور ہو کر آیا ہے اور ہمارے سامنے پیش ہوا ہے ہمیں اس بات کا موقع نہیں ملا کہ ہم اس پر غور کریں، اس کو دیکھیں، اس پر امینڈمنٹ پیش کریں۔ اس سے یہ معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ حزب اقتدار کی یہ کوشش ہے کہ اس بل کو بل ڈوز کر دے۔

لہذا اگر ہمیں اس بات کی اجازت نہیں ہے کہ کسی بل پر غور کریں، اس پر لکھ کریں اور اس میں ترمیمات پیش کریں تو ہمارا اس ایوان میں آنا ہی بے مقصد ہے۔

Mr. Chairman : Do you want to give a reply?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, the objection is without any substance. This is not a substantive Bill.

(At this stage Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi entered the House with a smile)

Mr. Chairman : You carry on with your speech. Why do you feel disturbed ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I am not feeling disturbed but if you see a personality like this walking and coming and sitting next to you, you will also feel disturbed....

(Laughter)

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : ...because as far as I recollect you have been disturbed by this personality present in the Senate in the last Session.....

(Laughter)

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : ...Particularly I was apprehensive that since you have ruled out all his privilege and adjournment motions, he might turn his wrath on me. So I was moving away a little bit. Sir, sorry for all this.

Sir, the objection is not well founded at all. There are two or three minor amendments and nobody is being taken by surprise. The Centres of Excellence Bill has already been passed by both Houses of Parliament long time ago in 1974, and this is a very minor amendment in as much as we are suggesting some changes in structure of the Directorate etc., Consultations with the Vice Chancellor and so on and so forth. Beyond that there is no other change, and I don't think that there should be any objection. It is not substantive.

Mr. Chairman : Now, I put the question before the House :

The question before the House is :

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974 [The Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.”

(The motion was lost)

Mr. Chairman : The amendment is rejected. Do you like to say anything ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Yes, Sir, I would just like to say a few things that since the passing of the Bill by the Parliament of Pakistan and its assent by the President on the 22nd of April, 1974, the Federal Ministry of Education, through the University Grants Commission, has been striving to promote the development and establishment of Centres of Excellence in the Universities in Pakistan. So far the following Centres have been established, and they are in course of time being developed into Centres of Excellence. In the University of Punjab Solid State Physic, in the University of Sind Analytical Chemistry, in Karachi University marine biology, Peshawar University Geology Baluchistan University Minerology, peoples open University education itself. Now, Since these Centres are established by the Federal Government in Universities, the Vice-Chancellor complain there might be some duality etc and that they were being kept out of the affairs. So, one of the amendments that is being brought about is that the representation of the Universities on the Board of Governor of institutes or Centres is being increased. Second thing that is being done is that in the appointment of the Directors of Institute in Universities, the Federal Government, before effecting any such appointment, is bound to consult the Vice-Chancellor which is of substance that over all activities of the Centre in a University or in an institute of a University are being made subservient to the guidance and policy with regard to Academics of the academic councils of universities. These are the three amendments being brought about so that there should be no duality of authority in the University, the discipline and functioning of the university should be smooth and there should be no sense of deprivation of the Vice-Chancellors and authorities of Universities which are functioning under separate legislation either provincial or federal. This is the only object. That is about all.

Mr. Chairman : Now, I put the question.

The question before the House is :

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974, namely, the Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976, as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Now, we take up clause [by clause consideration of the Bill. There is no amendment, I think.

The question before the House is :

“That Clause 2 forms part of the Bill.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Clause 2 forms part of the Bill.

There is no amendment moved to Clause 3. So, I put the question.

The question before the House is :

“That Clause 3 forms part of the Bill.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Clause 3 forms part of the Bill. Now, Clause 4.

The question before the House is :

“That Clause 4 forms part of the Bill.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Clause 4 forms part of the Bill. Now, I put Clauses 5 and 6 together, because I do not think there is any amendment moved to any of these Clauses. So, we can put both the Clauses together.

The question before the House is :

“That Clause 5 and 6 both form part of the Bill.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Clause 5 and 6 form part of the Bill.

Now, the question before the House is :

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

(The motion was adopted)

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

Now, we take up item No. 4.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I beg to move :

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974 [The Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976], be passed.”

Mr. Chairman : The question before the House is :

“That the Bill to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974 [The Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Bill, 1976], be passed.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The Bill unanimously stands adopted.

Now, item No 5.

THE FEDERAL SUPERVISION OF CURRICULA, TEXT-BOOKS
AND MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS OF EDUCATION
BILL, 1976

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I beg to move :

“That the Bill to make provision for Federal supervision of curricula, text-books and maintenance of standards of education [The Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text-books and Maintenance of Standards of Education Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That the Bill to make provision for Federal supervision of curricula, text-books and maintenance of standards of education [The Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text-books and Maintenance of Standard of Education Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.”

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Opposed, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Say something if you want to oppose it. You have a right to say.

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Sir, I want to move an amendment.

Mr. Chairman : Oh, yes. You can. Yes?

Haji Sayed Hussain Shah : Sir, I beg leave of the House to move :

“That the Bill to make provision for Federal supervision of curricula, text-books and maintenance of standards of education [The Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text-books and Maintenance of Standards of education Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.”

Mr. Chairman : The amendment moved is :

“That the Bill to make provision for Federal supervision of curricula, text-books and maintenance of standards of education [The Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text-books and Maintenance Standards of Education Bill, 1976], as passed by the Nation a Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.”

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I would oppose the motion, but at the same time, I am quite willing to have a proper debate on this Bill, and I would not like to hurry or bulldoze the Bill through. There has been a lot of debate in the National Assembly. As many as 17 speakers took part in that debate. I do not under-rate the importance of the Bill. It is a very important Bill particularly because it is on the Concurrent Legislative List, and if they want to thrash it out, they can thrash it out, but reference to the Standing Committee is not the norm after one House has passed the Bill. The practice that is now being followed by the Parliamentary Affairs Division is that they are introducing equal work in both the House at the same time. Some Bills originate in the House of the Senate some Bills originate in the National Assembly. When the Bills are passed by the Senate and go to the National Assembly, it is not the norm to refer them to the Standing Committees. Normally, the Bills are not referred to the Standing Committee. So, there should be no objection if I resist this suggestion that it should be referred to the Standing Committee. Instead of referring it to the Standing Committee and waiting for a few days, I volunteer that we can have a full day's debate tomorrow on this Bill, if they want to that. I will have no objection to that and I will not even make my opening speech today. I will make my opening speech tomorrow, Sir. Let the whole day be devoted to it. I have got no objection. If the honourable Members want to participate, they can do so with great pleasure.

Mr. Chairman : It is up to them.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, why should we waste the time ?

جناب محمد ہاشم خان غلزئی (قائد حزب اختلاف) : جناب والا ! میں عرض کروں گا کہ یہ بڑا اہم بل ہے اور اس پر کمیٹی میں مکمل بحث ہو جائے گی۔ عام طور پر اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی میں بل بھیجے جاتے ہیں یہ ضروری نہیں ہے کہ اگر نیشنل اسمبلی کوئی بل پاس کر دے تو اس کو اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی میں نہیں بھیجا جا سکتا۔ یہ ہمارا طریق کار رہا ہے اور ایسی مثالیں موجود ہیں کہ بلوں کو اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی میں بھیجا جاتا رہا ہے۔ جہاں اس کو ایک دو دن لگیں گے۔ اس کے بعد آجائے گا۔ لہذا اس کو بھیجا جانا چاہیئے۔

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, the Text of the Bill is not controversial.

Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai (Leader of the Opposition) : It is controversial.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : There is no delicate draftsmanship aspect of the Bill. It is a very short Bill of about six, seven or eight sections. The intention of the Act is very clear and since one Standing Committee of Parliament, of one of the Houses of Parliament, has gone through it the Bill has gone through the mill ; it has invited opinion and speech of not less than sixteen members. I say that instead of going through an exercise which might not be a fruitful exercise, let us utilise that time in having

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the views because it is really a matter of policy. In the Standing Committee you will not be able to add much. You can come out with your views in the House and tomorrow let us utilise the whole day, I have no objection. If the debate goes on to the day after tomorrow, it can go on. I have volunteered that I am not going to move for a closure motion or any such thing as long as they talk relevant. You are there, Sir, to protect the interests of the House, and you can stop them if they are irrelevant. I say we have no objection let the debate go on for as long as they like, and I do not say that we will conclude it tomorrow.

حاجی سید حسین شاہ : جناب والا! گزارش ہے کہ یہ مسودہ قانون دستور پاکستان کے آرٹیکل ۲۸ کے بالکل متضاد ہے اس کی خلاف ورزی ہو رہی ہے لہذا یہ مسودہ قانون دستور پاکستان کے خلاف جا رہا ہے میں گزارش کروں گا کہ اس کو اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی میں بھیجا جانا چاہیے۔

جناب محمد ہاشم گلزئی : جناب والا! میں عرض کروں گا کہ یہ بل بہت اہم ہے۔ یہ کہتے ہیں کہ یہ جھوٹا سا بل ہے۔ لیکن عرض یہ ہے اس میں بہت سی باتیں ہیں۔ پہلی بات تو یہ ہے کہ صوبائی مختاری کو محدود کیا جا رہا ہے اور اسکے علاوہ نصاب ہو ہے وہ صوبوں کا معاملہ ہے اور یہی اس میں بہت ساری باتیں آتی ہیں تو اس میں میرا خیال یہ ہے کہ ان کو اعتراض نہیں ہونا چاہیے اس بل کو اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی میں بھیجا جانا چاہیے آج ہمارے بہت سے ساتھی حاضر بھی نہیں ہیں۔ کل وہ بھی آجائیں گے اور اسکو وہاں دیکھ لیں گے۔

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, on one condition I have no objection, that is, provided that the Standing Committee do return the Bill within three days.

Mr. Chairman : But we would not be here in the next three days. The meetings of the Assembly and the Senate are going to be postponed.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : They are not going to be postponed.

Mr. Chairman : I think many of the Senators and MNAs are going to Lahore and then Larkana.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : It is all right. I say that the Standing Committee should send the Bill back within three days. If the report does not come within three days, then we will not wait for the report. This is the understanding.

جناب محمد ہاشم گلزئی : ٹھیک ہے جناب۔

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : I do not say that we should take it up this week. We can take it up next week. I have got no objection. But then when we take it up there should be no objection that the Standing Committee has not sent the report, therefore, we cannot proceed with the Bill.

Mr. Chairman : All right, Haji Sahib, he accepts your amendment with this condition that let it be referred to the Standing Committee.

concerned but the Standing Committee should send its report within three days or to be more correct on the third day or earlier. This should not be held up.

حاجی سید حسین شاہ : ٹھیک ہے ، جناب ۔

Mr. Chairman : So I put the question to the House. The question is :

“That the Bill to make provision for Federal supervision of curricula, text-books and maintenance of standards of education. [The Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text-books and Maintenance of Standards of Education Bill, 1976], as passed by the National Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The Bill stand referred to the Standing Committee concerned with the condition that they have to report back to this House within three days. Maximum period is three days only.

Mr. Masud Ahmad Khan : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would say that a date be fixed. Within three days means that we should present the report on the 11th.

Mr. Chairman : Today is 8th, Yes, on the latest by 11th. Thank you for this correction. Now, I will make it more specific and definite. The Standing Committee has to report by 11th of this month. Maulana Sahib, Yes.

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : ٹھیک ہے ۔

جناب چیئرمین : ٹھیک ہے آپ آئے تو تھے لیکن ایک معمہ ہے ۔

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : جناب والا ! ایک بات میری سمجھ میں نہیں آ رہی ہے کہ پیرزادہ صاحب جو کچھ فرماتے جا رہے ہیں بڑی آسانی سے آپ منظور فرماتے جا رہے ہیں ۔

جناب چیئرمین : آپ ہنس رہے تھے ۔ آپ نے اپوزیشن نہیں کی تو میں کیا کرتا ۔

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : اپوزیشن کی تھی "No" کہا تھا ۔

جناب چیئرمین : دیکھیں جب آپ کے اپنے پریولج موشنز اور ایڈجرلمٹ موشنز کا وقت تھا تو آپ غیر حاضر تھے ۔ جونہی ان کی باری آئی ، آپ آگئے ، صرف ان کو دیکھنے اور سننے کے لئے ورنہ آپ کا کوئی کام تو نہیں رہ گیا تھا ۔

(قہقہے)

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : طبیعت اچھی نہیں تھی ، دوا کھانے کے لئے چلا گیا تھا ۔ اس لئے دیر ہو گئی ہے ۔

جناب چیئرمین : آپ کی طبیعت اچھی ہے ۔

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : اس لئے ذرا دیر سے حاضر ہوا ہوں ، اپنے کمرے میں ہوسٹل میں تھا ۔ دوا وغیرہ لینے چلا گیا تھا ۔ اس لئے مجھے دیر ہو گئی ہے تاخیر سے حاضر ہوا ہوں ۔

جناب چیئرمین : مجھے آپکی بغیر اتھارٹی کے کہا گیا کہ وہ آج نہیں آسکتے اس لئے ان کی تحریکیں اتوار میں ڈال دیں ۔

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : طبیعت اچھی نہیں تھی ۔ اس لئے تاخیر سے حاضر ہوا ہوں ۔

جناب چیئرمین : اب تو طبیعت اچھی ہے ؟

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : الحمد للہ ۔

جناب چیئرمین : اس لئے کہ پیرزادہ صاحب یہاں پر ہیں ؟

(قہقہے)

مولانا شاہ احمد نورانی صدیقی : آپ بھی ہیں ۔ پیرزادہ صاحب بھی ہیں ۔
واو عبدالستار صاحب بھی ہیں ۔ سبھی ہیں ۔

جناب نبی بخش زہری : جناب چیئرمین ! ان کی طبیعت ٹھیک نہیں ہے ان کو ہوسٹل سے ہسپتال بھیجا جائے ۔

(قہقہے)

حاجی سید حسین شاہ : جناب والا ! میں نے پہلے عرض کیا تھا کہ مولانا صاحب کے دشمنوں کی طبیعت خراب ہے لہذا ان کے پریولج موشنز اور ایڈجوسٹ موشنز کو ویفو کیا جائے ۔

جناب چیئرمین : آپ نے یہ کہا کہ طبیعت خراب ہے ۔ آپ نے یہ نہیں کہا کہ وہ آ رہے ہیں ۔ اگر آپ یہ کہتے کہ وہ آ رہے ہیں تو میں انتظار کر لیتا ۔

All right. There is no other business to transact. The House stands adjourned to tomorrow at 9.00 a.m. sharp.

[The House then adjourned to meet at nine of the clock in the morning on Tuesday March 9, 1976.]