**FAFEN Daily Factsheet: Sitting No. 5 Session No. 15 of the National Assembly**

**NA Adopts Two Resolutions, POs consume 49% of Sitting Time**

ISLAMABAD, October 27, 2014: Starting 54 minutes behind the schedule, the National Assembly adopted two resolutions while points of order consumed 49% time of the 5th sitting of 15th session on Monday, says the Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN).

Tabled by the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, the House unanimously adopted a resolution to continue political, moral and diplomatic support to the struggle of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their right to self-determination as per the UN resolutions. The House also adopted another resolution to condemn a recent terrorist attack on the rally of the JUI-F chief in Quetta. It was tabled by the State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

The Minister for Science and Technology laid the annual report of the Federal Accounts for 2012-2013 and the reports of the Auditor General for 2013-2014. Sponsored by five MQM lawmakers, the House took up a calling attention notice (CAN) regarding power outages and overbilling. Fourteen points of order consumed 100 minutes (49%) of the proceedings’ time. A newly-elected independent lawmaker from NA-149 (Multan-II) took oath.

Following are some key observations of the House proceedings:

**Members’ Participation in the House Proceedings:**

* The National Assembly met for three hours and 24 minutes.
* The sitting began at 1654 hours against the scheduled time of 1600 hours witnessing a delay of 54 minutes.
* The Speaker chaired the sitting for 35 minutes while the Deputy Speaker presided over the rest of the proceedings.
* The Prime Minister did not attend the sitting while the Leader of the Opposition was present for an hour and 20 minutes.
* Sixty-seven lawmakers (19%) were present at the outset and 70 (20%) at the adjournment while a maximum of 113 members (33%) were observed to be present at one point during the sitting.
* The parliamentary leaders of QWP, BNP-A, MQM, JI, PML-Z, APML and ANP attended the sitting.
* Seven minority members attended the sitting.
* Sixteen lawmakers applied for leave.

**Output**

* Tabled by the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, the House adopted a resolution to continue political, moral and diplomatic support to the struggle of people of Jammu and Kashmir for their right to self-determination as per the UN resolutions.
* Tabled by the State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, the House passed a resolution condemning a recent attack on the rally of the JUI-F chief in Quetta.
* The Minister for Science and Technology laid the annual report of the Federal Accounts for 2012-2013 and the reports of the Auditor General for 2013-2014.

**Representation and Responsiveness**

* Sponsored by five MQM lawmakers, the House took up a calling attention notice (CAN) regarding power outages and overbilling.
* The House took up eight out of 31 questions (requiring oral as well as written replies) while the members also asked 13 supplementary questions.

**Order and Institutionalization**

* Fourteen points of order consumed 100 minutes (49%) of the proceedings’ time.

**Transparency**

* ‘Orders of the Day’ was available to the legislators, observers and others.
* Information on members’ attendance was not available to observers and the public.
* The Quorum was visibly lacking at various stages of the sitting. However, it was not pointed out by any of the legislators.

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