



PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF PUNJAB

FAFEN PARLIAMENT MONITOR 19th SESSION

29 January – 26 February, 2016

Free and Fair Election Network
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AM	Adjournment Motion
BNAP	Bahawalpur National Awami Party
CAN	Call Attention Notice
CM	Chief Minister
IND	Independent
JI	Jamaat-e-Islami
PM	Privilege Motion
PML	Pakistan Muslim League
PML-N	Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz
PML-Z	Pakistan Muslim League (Zia)
PNML	Pakistan National Muslim League
PO	Points of Order
PPPP	Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian
PTI	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ISLAMABAD: The Punjab Assembly passed 20 bills and adopted 17 resolutions during its 19th session, says Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) in its session report.

The session, comprising 21 sittings, started on January 29, 2016 and concluded on February 26, 2016. On average, each sitting started 77 minutes behind the schedule and lasted two hours and 45 minutes.

FAFEN conducts a headcount of members at the start and end of each sitting and documents the actual time spent by the legislators, including the Chief Minister, Opposition Leader, Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

According to FAFEN's observation, the lawmakers' attendance remained low throughout the session – with an average of 20 (5%) members present at the start and 58 (16%) at the end of each sitting.

The Chief Minister remained absent throughout the session, while the Opposition Leader attended 19 out of 21 sittings for a total of 42% of the session's time. Three sittings (16th, 17th and 20th) were adjourned due to lack of quorum pointed out by PTI lawmakers.

Nearly 74% of the session was chaired by the Speaker, who was present in 19 sittings. The Deputy Speaker was present in 11 sittings and chaired 21% of the session. A member of Panel of

Chairpersons chaired one per cent of the session time while rest of the time was consumed in breaks. Among the parliamentary leaders in the House, JI leader attended 12 sittings followed by PPPP (8), PML-Z (one) and none by PML, PNML and BNAP.

Forty bills sponsored by the government appeared on the list of business. Of these, 20 were passed by the House, while 17 were introduced and three were not taken up.

According to the sub section 6 of section 91 of Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab 1997, "an Ordinance laid before the Assembly under clause (2) of Article 128 of the Constitution shall be deemed to be a Bill introduced in the Assembly on the day it is so laid".

The bills passed by the House included the Punjab Safe Cities Authority Bill 2015; the Punjab Special Protection Unit Bill 2015; the Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015; the Infrastructure Development Authority of the Punjab Bill 2015; the Punjab Food Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015; the Punjab Pure Food (Amendment) Bill 2015; the Punjab Local Government (First Amendment) Bill 2016; the Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Bill 2016; the Punjab Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015; the Punjab Public Representatives' Laws (Amendment) Bill 2016; the Punjab Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Bill 2015; the Canal and Drainage

(Amendment) Bill 2015; the continuance of the University of Okara Bill 2015; the Punjab Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2015; the Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2015; the Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence Bill, 2015; the Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2015; the Punjab Education Foundation (Amendment) Bill, 2015, the Ali Institute of Education Lahore (Amendment) Bill, 2015 and the Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015.

Seventeen introduced bills included the Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Ordinance 2015; the Fort Monroe Development Authority Ordinance 2015; the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (Amendment) Ordinance 2015; the Punjab Education Foundation (Amendment) Ordinance 2015; the Punjab Vigilance Committees Ordinance 2016; the Fatima Jinnah Medical University Lahore (Amendment) Ordinance 2015; the Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance 2015; the Punjab Local Government (Amendment) Ordinance 2016; the Punjab Prohibition of Child Labour at Bricks Kilns Ordinance 2016; the Punjab Marriage Functions Ordinance 2015; the Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Ordinance 2016; the Punjab Economic Research Institute (Amendment) Ordinance 2016; the Punjab Forest (Amendment) Ordinance 2016

the Punjab Public Representatives Laws (Amendment) Bill 2016; the Punjab Animals Slaughter Control (Amendment) Bill 2016; the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2016 and the Punjab Local Government (Third Amendment) Bill 2016.

Three government bills not taken up by the House were the Punjab Private Education Commission Bill 2016; the Punjab Restriction of Employment of Children Bill 2016 and the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

The House adopted 17 resolutions during the session. Six resolutions were about governance issues followed by condemnation, tribute and commemoration (5); health (3), legislative measures (2) and petroleum sector (one).

Twelve Call Attention Notices (CANs) relating to law and order were taken up by the House and disposed of by the House after receiving reply from the concerned minister/department. Three CANs remained pending as the relevant minister/department did not respond to them.

The House took up six Privilege Motions. Five motions – PPPP (2) and one each by PML-N, PTI and an Independent lawmaker – were regarding the misbehavior of government officials against the movers while one submitted by PML-N lawmaker was against the Revenue Department for submitting

wrong and misleading answer to his question in the House.

Lawmakers raised 170 Points of Order which consumed 216 minutes of the session's time. Out of 385 starred questions, only 171 (44%) were taken up during the session and responded to by the relevant ministries/departments. The legislators also raised 405 supplementary questions to gain further clarity on government's responses.

A total of 24 – PML-N (17), PIT (4), PML (2) and PPPP (one) – lawmakers discussed issues related to agriculture and grievances of sugarcane growers for 147 minutes. The House passed a motion under Rule 244-A and approved 24 amendments in the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly.

Of 90 Adjournment Motions (AMs), the House disposed of 67 AMs on a range of issues while 23 remained pending after receiving no reply from the concerned ministries/departments. In addition, the House witnessed presentation of 31 reports of which 15 were relating to the legislative proposals.

The House witnessed 15 instances of individual or joint walkouts/protests and one boycott. The entire opposition walked out on nine occasions consuming 149 minutes while four protests consuming 53 minutes were also staged. PTI lawmakers protested for six minutes over non-satisfactory reply to a question while the sole JI lawmaker walked out of the House against the utilization of Bahawalpur Development Fund for the

train project in Lahore.

The entire Opposition boycotted the proceeding for not getting assurance from the treasury benches to legislate ban on sale of liquor in the province during fifth sitting.

PTI lawmakers pointed out quorum on seven occasions. The House was adjourned thrice due to the presence of less than 25 percent lawmakers; however, it was found complete upon counting on two occasions but at two others, the sitting had to be suspended for 42 minutes.

SECTION 1

SESSION TIME, ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

This section gives a statistical overview of the session covering the number of sittings, duration of sitting attendance and participation of members in the House proceedings.

Total
Sittings

21

Session
Duration

**57 hours
39 minutes**

Average
Delay

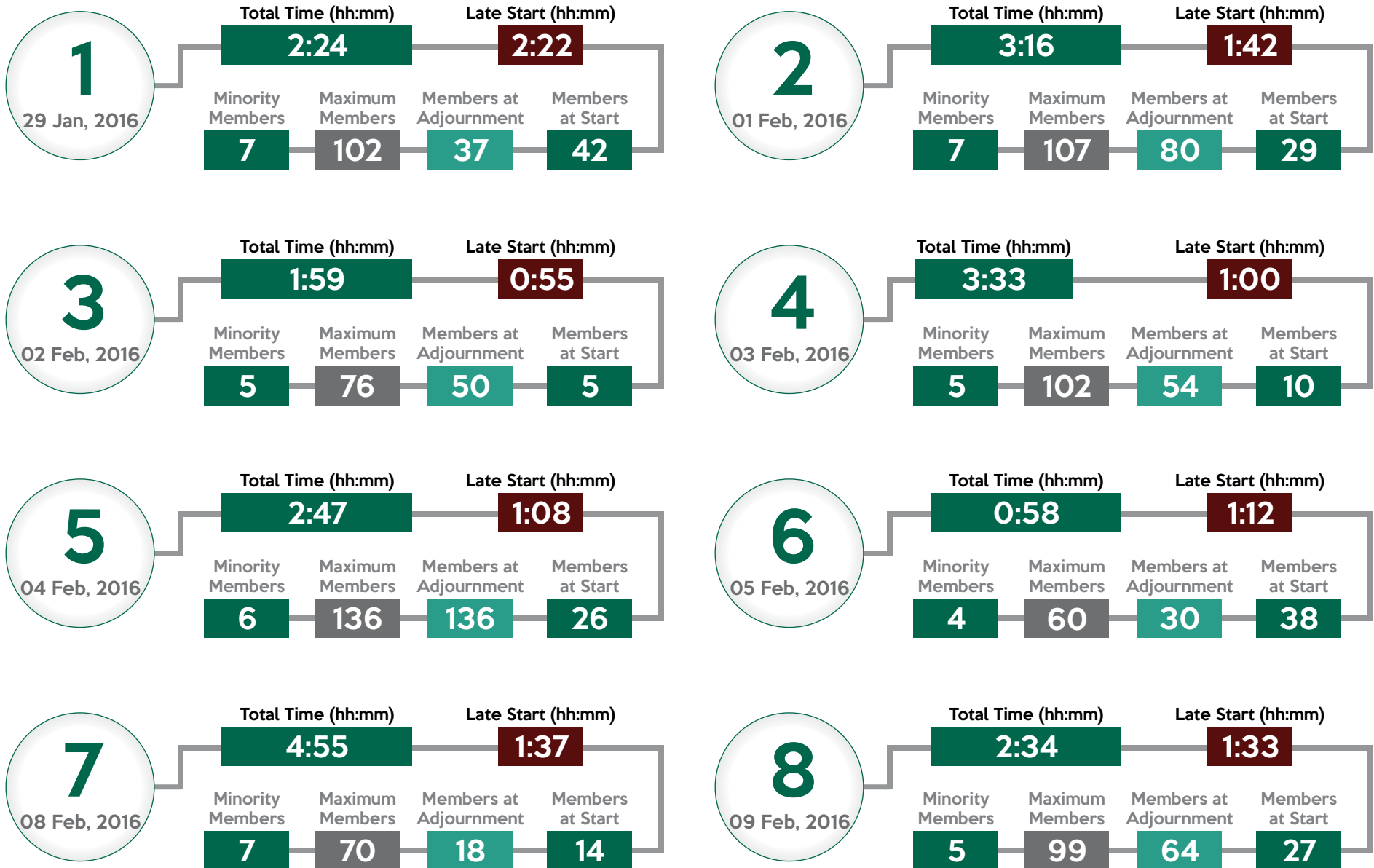
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minutes**

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Break

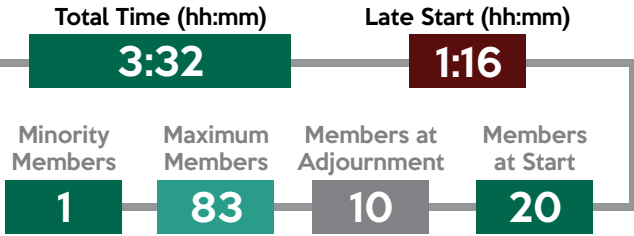
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SITTING DATE, DURATION AND ATTENDANCE

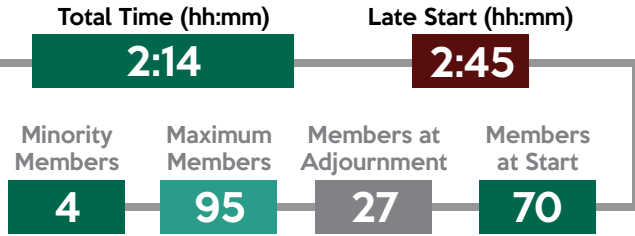
The 19th session comprised of twenty one sittings starting from January 29 and concluded on February 26, 2016. Marked by low attendance of Members, each sitting started 77 minutes behind the schedule on average and lasted two hours and 45 minutes. The longest sitting on February 8 lasted four hours and 55 minutes and the shortest sittings comprised of 58 minutes on 5th February, 2016.



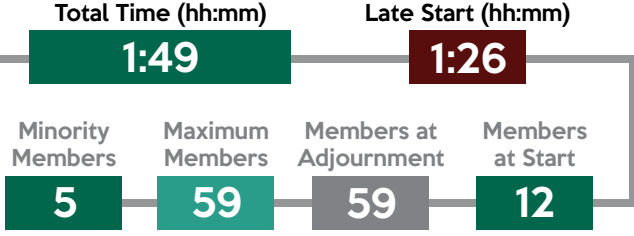
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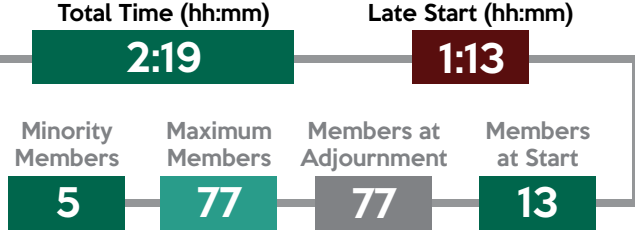
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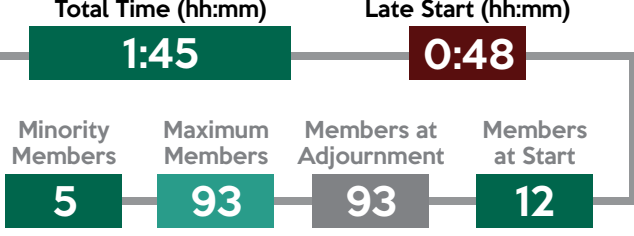
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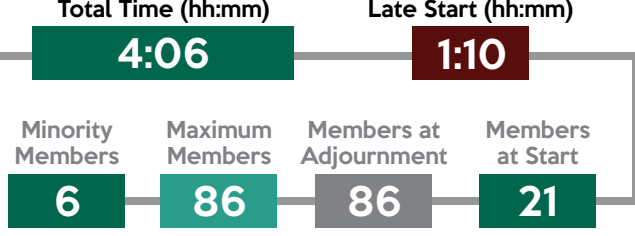
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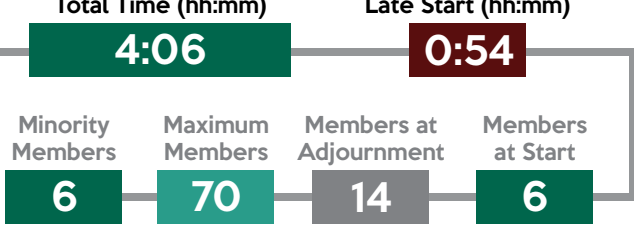
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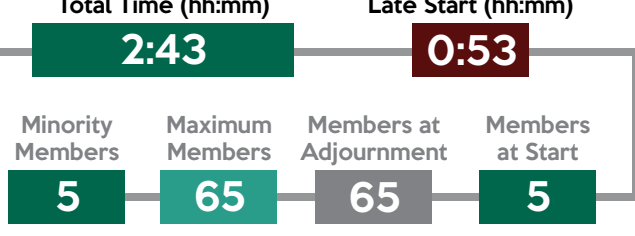
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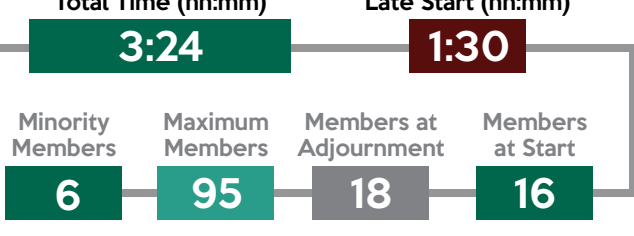
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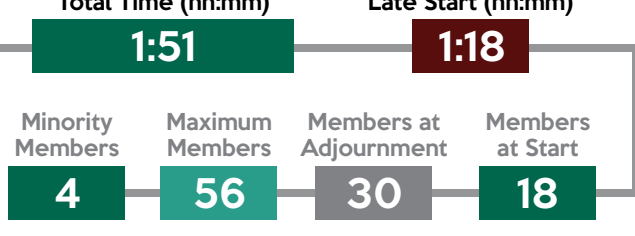
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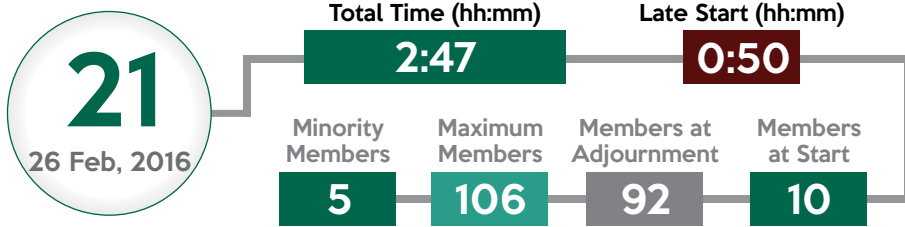
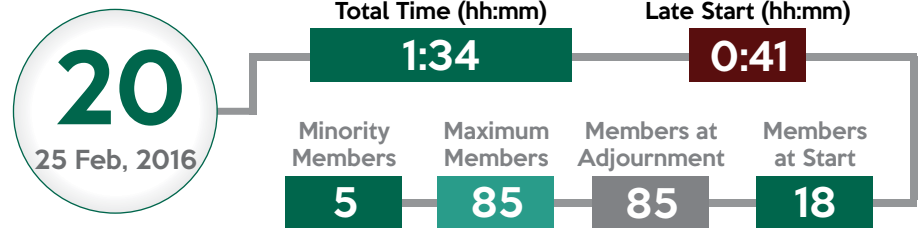
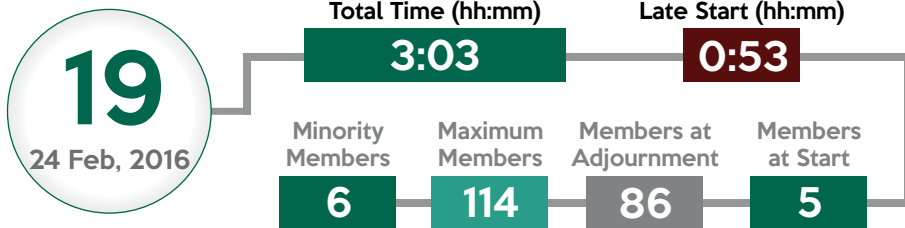


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KEY MEMBERS ATTENDANCE



SPEAKER

Sittings Attended

19

Presided Time (hh:mm)

42:51



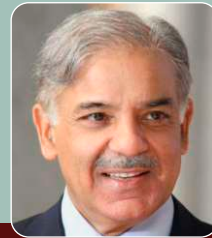
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Sittings Attended

11

Presided Time (hh:mm)

12:04



CHIEF MINISTER

Sittings Attended

0

Attended Time (hh:mm)

0:00



LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Sittings Attended

19

Attended Time (hh:mm)

24:22

The Panel of Chairpersons attended all 21 sittings and presided for 45 minutes sharing one percent of total presiding time during the session.

PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS ATTENDANCE



S. Waseem Akhtar



JI

attended

12

sittings



Ch Moonis Elahi



PML

attended

0

sittings



Ghulam Murtaza



PML-Z

attended

1

sittings



Nand Kumar



IND

attended

0

sittings



Sardar Shahab-ud-Din



PPP

attended

8

sittings



Bilal Asghar Warraich



PNML

attended

0

sittings



S. Iftikhar Gillani



BNAP

attended

0

sittings

Among the parliamentary leaders in the House, JI parliamentary leader attended 12 sittings followed by PPPP (8), PML-Z (one) and none by PML, PNML and BNAP.

SECTION 2

REPRESENTATION, RESPONSIVENESS AND GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

This section gives statistical as well as qualitative overview of legislator's interventions in the House – Call Attention Notices (CANs), Questions, Adjournment Motions (AM) or any other motions – for the oversight of government and to articulate issues of public interest and importance.

Starred
Questions

385

CANs

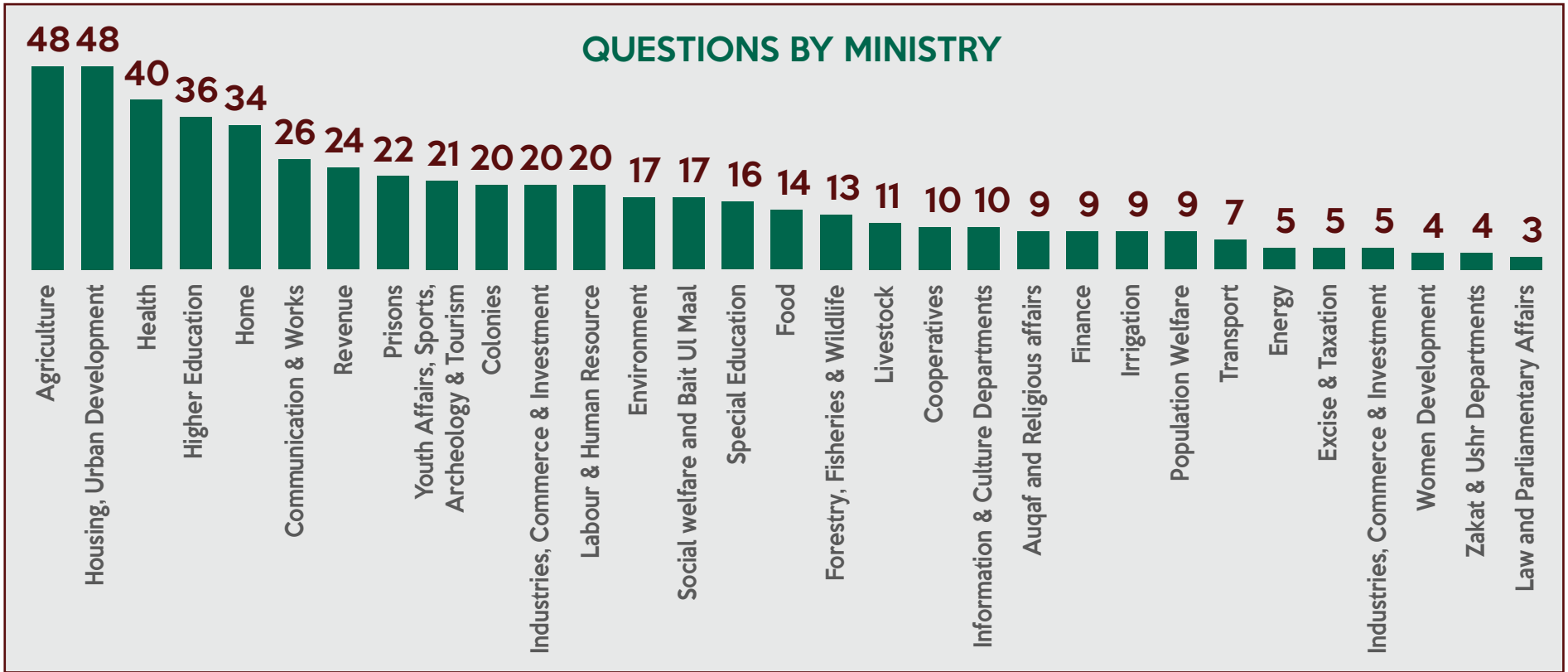
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Adjournment
Motions

90

QUESTIONS

As per Rule 42 of the Punjab Assembly, the House holds a 60-minute question hour at the outset of a sitting except on the sittings falling on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and the day set for oath taking/elections of key members. A lawmaker can put up a question on a notice not less than 15 days for the purpose of obtaining information on a matter of public concern from the relevant minister.

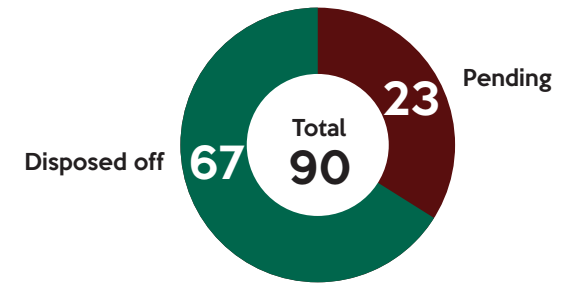


QUESTIONS BY PARTY



ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

According to the Rule 80 of the Punjab Assembly, any member may raise a motion for an adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussion on a definite matter of urgent public importance with the consent of the Speaker.



MEMBER-WISE DETAILS



Ahmad Shah Khagga



PML

AMs
10



Mian Mehmood ur Rasheed



PTI

AMs
10



Sheikh Ala ud Din



PML-N

AMs
10



Ch. Aamir Sultan Cheema



PML

AMs
10



Amjad Ali Javaid



PML-N

AMs
9



Khadija Umer



PML

AMs
9



Baasima Chaudhary



PML

AMs
5



Ehsan Riaz Fatiana



IND

AMs
4



Muhammad Afzal



PML

AMs
3



Ch Ashraf Ali Ansari



AMs
3



Shunila Ruth



AMs
3



Faiza Ahmad Malik



AMs
3



Mian Tariq Mehmood



AMs
2



Mian Muhammad Aslam Iqbal



AMs
2



Sardar Shahab-ud-Din Khan



AMs
1



Hina Pervaiz Butt



AMs
1



Sardar Vickas Hassan Mokal



AMs
1



Muhammad Sibtain Khan



AMs
1



Javed Akhtar



AMs
1



Naheed Naem



AMs
1



Malik Ahmad Saeed Khan



AMs
1

CALL ATTENTION NOTICES

A lawmaker can call the attention of a minister/department head for any matter involving law and order situation or a definite matter of urgent public importance, by submitting one call attention notice per sitting. According to Rule 66 of the Punjab Assembly, a call attention notice cannot be debated and when the question is answered, any member may ask such supplementary questions as may be necessary for the elucidation of the answers with the approval of the Speaker. The Lawmakers raised 15 Call Attention Notices (CANs) during the session of which 12 were disposed of and the remaining three CANs were left pending by the House.

DISPOSED OF CANs

Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs



Malik Taimoor Masood



Killing of Malik Tahir and injuring Zaheer by the unknown people at Wah Cantt, Rawalpindi



Al Haj Muhammad Ilyas



Dacoity at the residence of Mr. Farrukh Shahbaz, Advocate at Chiniot Satellite Town



Sheikh Ijaz Ahmad



Dacoity at the residence of MNA, where dacoits after looting valuables escaped the crime spot



Ehsan Riaz Fatiana



Killing of a security guard and an office boy during bank dacoity at Toba Tak Singh



Shunila Ruth



Dacoity at the residence of Malik Masood, resident of Kahna, Lahore



Muhammad Sibtain Khan



Murder of the son of a senior surgeon by the dacoits at district Mandi Bahauddin

Ministry of Home



Faiza Ahmad Malik



Murder of a security In charge of a Rice Mill located at Kot Kizra, Gujranwala



Ehsan Riaz Fatiana



Murder of a citizen and looting money and valuables from his family by the dacoits



Nausheen Hamid



Looting Umar Saleem, resident of DHA, B-Block, Phase-1, Lahore by the dacoits



Ch Muhammad Akram



Dacoity of valuables at the residence of Farooq Ahmad located at Sialkot



Nausheen Hamid



Murder of two policeman at Allama Iqbal Town check post by two suspected motorcyclists.



Shunila Ruth



Kidnapping and killing of Mian M. Fakhar, an agriculturist of Farid Kot, district Pakpattan

PENDING CANs

Ministry of Home



Mian Tariq Mehmood



Assassination of Awais son of Seth Zulfiqar Ahmad by the kidnapers at Lala Musa, Gujrat



Jafar Ali Hocha



Dacoity of currency/jewelry at the residence of Muhammad Pervaiz resident of Tandlianwala, district Faisalabad

Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs



Rana Akhtar Ali Khan



Assassination of Ch. Shamshad Ahmad Khan along with his son and friend at Kamoki, Gujranwala

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES

Motion Under Rule 244-A of The Rules of Procedure of The Provincial Assembly of The Punjab 1997

The House Approved 24 Amendments during 14th Sitting

SECTION 3

PARLIAMENTARY OUTPUT

This section deals with the legislative business, resolutions, reports and documents presented before the House during the session.

Bills on
Agenda

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Bills
Passed

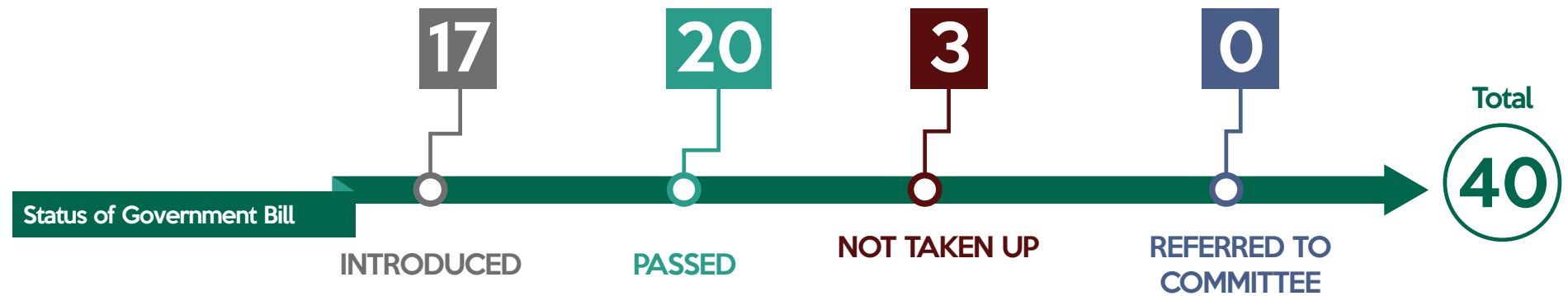
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Resolutions

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LEGISLATION

Lawmaking on matters of national and provincial importance through rigorous debate is the most important function of a legislature. This section reviews the nature, status and consideration of government and private member legislations tabled during the session.



BILLS PASSED

- The Punjab Safe Cities Authority Bill 2015
- The Punjab Special Protection Unit Bill 2015
- The Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015
- The Infrastructure Development Authority of the Punjab Bill 2015
- The Punjab Food Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015
- The Punjab Pure Food (Amendment) Bill 2015
- The Punjab Local Government (First Amendment) Bill 2016
- The Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Bill 2016
- The Punjab Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015
- The Punjab Public Representatives' Laws (Amendment) Bill 2016
- The Punjab Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Bill 2015
- The Canal and Drainage (Amendment) Bill 2015
- The continuance of the University of Okara Bill 2015
- The Punjab Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2015
- The Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2015
- The Punjab Protection Of Women Against Violence Bill, 2015
- The Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2015
- The Punjab Education Foundation (Amendment) Bill, 2015
- The Ali Institute of Education Lahore (Amendment) Bill, 2015
- The Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015

BILLS INTRODUCED

- The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Ordinance 2015
- The Fort Monroe Development Authority Ordinance 2015
- The Punjab Forensic Science Agency (Amendment) Ordinance 2015
- The Punjab Education Foundation (Amendment) Ordinance 2015
- The Punjab Vigilance Committees Ordinance 2016
- The Fatima Jinnah Medical University Lahore (Amendment) Ordinance 2015
- The Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance 2015
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- The Punjab Forest (Amendment) Ordinance 2016
- The Punjab Public Representatives Laws (Amendment) Bill 2016
- The Punjab Animals Slaughter Control (Amendment) Bill 2016
- The Punjab Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2016
- The Punjab Local Government (Third Amendment) Bill 2016

NOT TAKEN UP BILLS

- The Punjab Private Education Commission Bill 2016
- The Punjab Restriction of Employment of Children Bill 2016
- The Punjab Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2015

RESOLUTIONS

The House adopted a total of 17 out of 27 resolutions of which, 24 appearing on the 'Orders of the Day' while three were taken as supplementary agenda during the session. Party wise detail showed that PML-N tabled 12 resolutions followed by PTI (9), PML (4) and JI (2).

PARTY-WISE RESOLUTIONS



PML-N

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PTI

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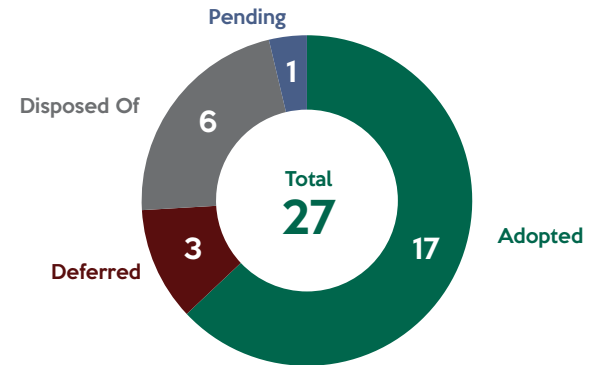
PML

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JI

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ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

- Condemning the terrorist attack on Bacha Khan University, Charsadda and expressing grief over the death of 21 students, teachers and staff. The Resolution also appreciated the action taken by the security officials in successfully killing four suicide bombers and expressed solidarity with the Pakistan Army and other security institutions fighting against terrorism
- On 5th February the provincial House of Punjab Assembly showed their solidarity with their Kashmiri brothers and offered them political and moral support. Quaid-e-Azam declared Kashmir as the backbone of Pakistan. The House demands that Kashmiris should be given their right to freedom and a referendum should be done in the light United Nation resolutions. It was promised in the resolutions that Kashmiris will be allowed to make a decision regarding their future through a referendum. For achieving peace in the region this House through Federal government appeals the international community to pressurize India to stop the ongoing violence against women, children, and old ones. The House appeals that India should withdraw its forces from Kashmir and should conduct referendum immediately in the light of United Nation resolutions
- Condemning attacks on all the media houses this year to curb freedom of expression. He praised the media community for its positive role in shaping public opinion against terrorism and generating a national consensus on the country's security. The resolution demanded the provincial government to take proper and necessary security measures to protect journalists and media houses from terrorists attacks
- This house demands from government to provide security to the educational institutions
- This house suggests that facility of Angiography should be provided in district head quarter hospitals
- This house requests from federal government to attribute 16 December with the name of Army Public School's martyr children's name and declare it as national day
- This house suggests that illegal signboards in the province should be removed immediately
- This house suggests that government's decision regarding private schools fees should be implemented
- This house suggests that amendments should be made in the laws to control fake FIRs and cases

- To appreciate the federal government for providing relief to the masses by reducing Rs.5 per liter on the petrol and to request the federal government to provide more relief to the masses according to the international market rates of petroleum products
- This House request the Federal government that women officials must be appointed in NADRA and passport office for taking pictures of women
- A postal ticket should be issued on the 547 birthday of Guru Nanak Dev G
- Special measures must be taken for treatment and prevention of Hepatitis in districts Ranjan Pur and Dera Ghazi Khan. Hepatitis centers should be established in the district headquarters hospitals of these districts provided with free vaccination and medicines to patients
- 30% deaths in Punjab are because of drinking unclean water. Special measures must be taken for the availability of safe and clean drinking water
- According to the decision of Islamic Ideology Council Haj and Umrah should be declared as government responsibility. Government should also take special measures for preventing this main religious practice as profitable business
- A ban must be imposed by the government on the dramatization of crimes and trails on all TV channels
- Provincial Assembly of the Punjab resolves that the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) may, by law, regulate matters relating to "Hindu Marriages" under Article 144 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

REPORTS

The House witnessed the presentation of 19 reports while 12 reports have granted extension in the presentation time by the House during the session.

PRESENTED REPORTS

- The Punjab Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 51 of 2015)
- The Punjab Sugar Factories Control (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 52 of 2015)
- The Canal and Drainage (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 53 of 2015)
- The report of Committee on Privileges in respect of "Privilege Motions No. 25 for the year 2014 and No. 11 for the year 2015"
- Audit report on the Civil Accounts of Government of the Punjab for the Financial year 2013-14 (Audit Year 2014-15)
- Audit report on the Accounts of Government of the Punjab revenue receipt for the Financial year 2013-14 (Audit year 2014-15)
- Appropriation Accounts of the Forest Department, Government of the Punjab, for the Financial Year 2013-14 (audit year 2014-15)
- Report by the Auditor-general of Pakistan on the Works Accounts, Government of the Punjab, Financial year 2013-14 (audit year 2014-15)
- Audit report by the Auditor-General of Pakistan on the Accounts of Public Sector Enterprises (Commercial Audit & Evaluation), Government of the Punjab (Audit Year 2014-15)
- Audit report by the Auditor-General of Pakistan on the Accounts of Government of the Punjab-appropriation Accounts for the Financial Year 2013-14
- Audit report by the Auditor-General of Pakistan on the Accounts of Government of the Punjab-Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2013-14

- Audit report on the Accounts of Provincial Zakat Fund and National Level Health Institutions Punjab (Audit Year 2014-15)
- Annual Report on Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) for the Year 2012-13
- The Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 7 of 2016)
- The Punjab Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2016 (Bill No. 8 of 2016)
- The Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Bill 2016 (Bill No. 11 of 2016)
- The Ali Institute of Education Lahore (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 47 of 2015)
- The Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (second Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 48 of 2015)
- The Punjab Education Foundation (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 4 of 2016)

REPORTS GRANTED EXTENSION IN PRESENTATION TIME

- The Reports of Auditor General of Pakistan on the Expenditure of Government of Punjab for the year 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05, 2008-09", 2010-11 and 2012-13"
- The Ali Institute of Education Lahore (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 47 of 2015)
- The Ghazi University Dera Ghazi Khan (Second Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 48 of 2015)
- Adjournment Motion No. 1199/2014 moved by Mr. Amjad Ali Javaid
- Adjournment Motion No. 839/2015 moved by Mrs. Azma Zahid Bukhari
- Privilege Motions No. 12 for the year 2013, No. 20, 27 and 31 for the year 2014 and No. 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 for the year 2015
- The Expenditures of Government of the Punjab for the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2007-08, 2011-12
- The Report of Auditor General of Pakistan for the years 2003-04, 2005-06, 2007-08 and 2011-12
- The Punjab Drugs (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 39 of 2015)
- The Punjab Drugs (Second Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 41 of 2015)
- The Punjab Prohibition of Sheesha Smoking Bill 2014 (Bill No. 6 of 2014) moved by Ch Shahbaz Ahmad MPA (PP-143)
- The Punjab Flood Plain Regulation Bill 2015 (Bill No. 50 of 2015)

SECTION 4

ORDER AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION

Order and institutionalization is important for an efficient and productive legislature. This section provides information about Points of Order, Questions of Privilege, Quorum and any instances of walkout, protest or boycott during the proceeding.

Points of
Order

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Question of
Privilege

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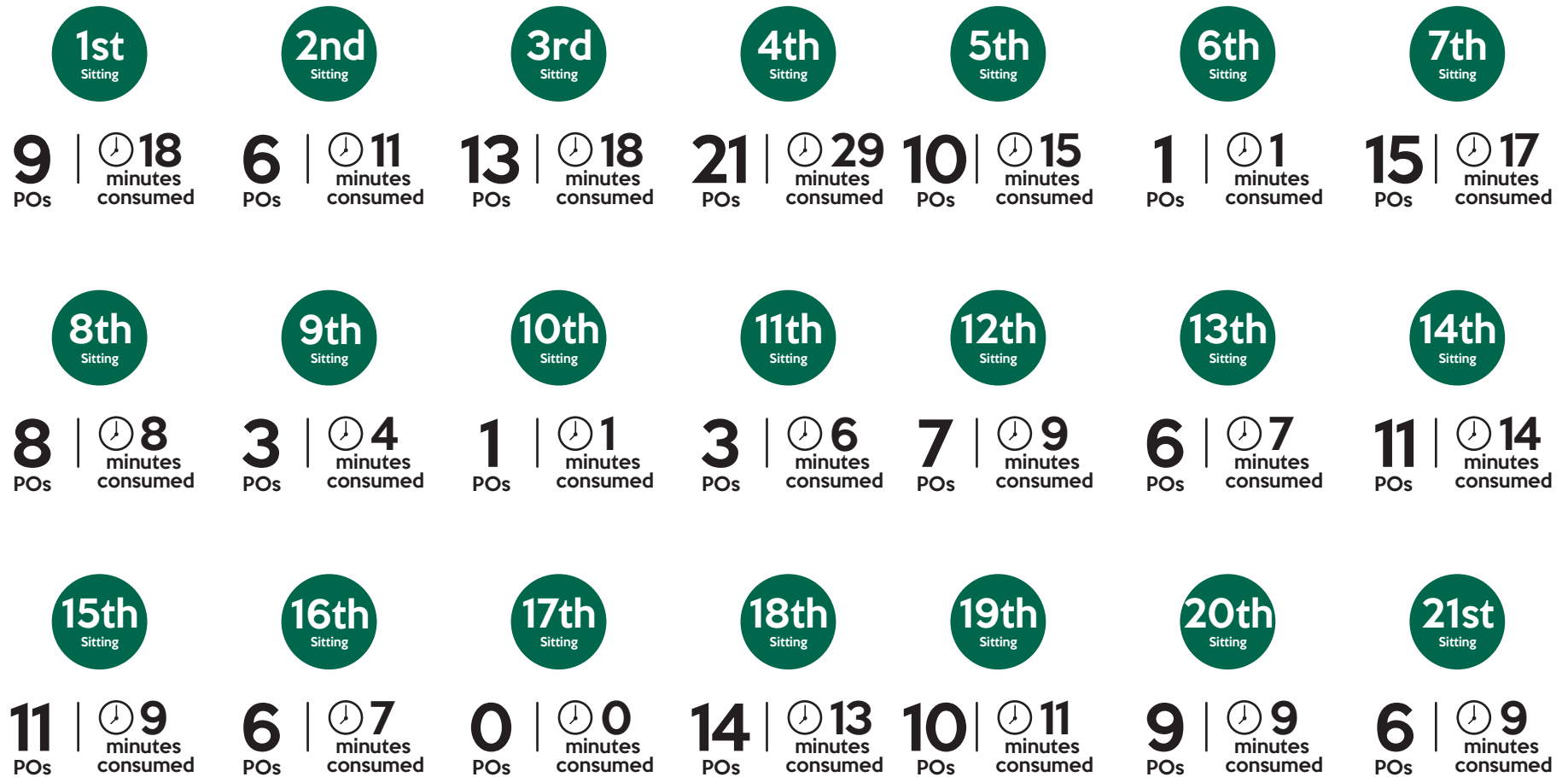
Protest and
Walkouts

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POINTS OF ORDER

According to Rule 209 of the Rules of Procedures of Punjab Assembly “a point of order shall relate to the interpretation or enforcement of the rules or the interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution on regulating the business of the Assembly.” The Speaker is required to give a ruling on these issues and no discussion or debate is allowed on any point of order, but the Speaker may hear a member before giving his decision.

Lawmakers raised 170 Points of Order (POs) that consumed 216 minutes of the session time. The Highest number of POs (21) was raised during 4th sitting consuming 29 minutes of proceeding while the lowest number of POs (one) was raised during 10th sitting that consumed one minute of the sitting time.



QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Rule 68 of the Punjab Assembly provides that a member may, with the consent of the Speaker, raise a question involving a breach of privilege either of a member or of the Assembly or of a Committee.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE



Sardar Shahab-ud-Din Khan



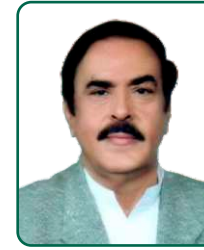
Misbehavior of Ms Tahira Chishtti, E.D.O, Education, Layyah with the member concerned



Muhammad Nasir Cheema



Misbehavior of Dr. Rizwan, SP, Sadar, Gujranwala and Malik Mazhar Khokhar, SHO, Ahmadnagar who arrested the member despite of the availability of "Bail before Arrest"



Inamullah Khan Niazi



Misbehavior of Professor Dr. Zahoor ul Hassan Dogar, Vice Chancellor, Bhakkar Campus, Sargodha University



Mian Tariq Mehmood



Wrong and misleading answer given by the Revenue Department against the question asked by the member concerned during Question Hour held on February 9, 2016



Muhammad Arif Abbasi



Misbehavior of Mr. Nasir Mumtaz, Chowki Incharge, Airport Society



Qazi Ahmad Saeed



Misbehavior of SDO Irrigation, Pakalara, Tehsil Liaquatpur, District Rahimyar Khan with the member concerned

PROTEST AND WALKOUTS

Sitting No.	Party(ies)	Reasons	Type	Time (Minutes)
1	Entire Opposition	Against the attitude of Speaker for now allowing Leader of the Opposition to speak on a Point of Order	Protest	5
1	Entire Opposition	Against the attitude of Speaker for now allowing Leader of the Opposition to speak on a Point of Order	Walkout	25
2	Entire Opposition	When the Chair did not allow the Leader of the Opposition to table a resolution. It was about transferring the benefits of reduced oil prices in international market to the public	Walkout	12
2	Entire Opposition	Over reservations on an amendment bill	Walkout	12
4	Entire Opposition	Against killing of two employees of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) in Karachi during a protest against privatization of PIA	Walkout	35
8	PTI	Against the government for not providing satisfactory answer to a question	Protest	6
8	Entire Opposition	When the government opposed the motion of a supplementary by the Leader of the Opposition regarding petroleum prices	Protest	3
8	Entire Opposition	When the government opposed the motion of a supplementary by the Leader of the Opposition regarding petroleum prices	Token Walkout	1
8	Entire Opposition	Against the amendments made in the resolution regarding petroleum prices	Walkout	1
5	Entire Opposition	Against the government for not assuring the House to legislate for ban on sale of liquor in the province	Boycott	4
5	Entire Opposition	Against hasty passage of bills without allowing the lawmakers to read the bills and propose amendments	Walkout	5
9	Entire Opposition	Against prospective utilization of health budget for Orange Train project	Walkout	43
10	Jl	Against the utilization of Bahawalpur's development funds for Orange Train project	Walkout	29
13	Entire Opposition	Against the disinterest of Chief Minister and his cabinet in proceeding of the House	Protest	31
17	Entire Opposition	When the Chair disallowed an adjournment motion sponsored by the Opposition Leader	Protest	14
17	Entire Opposition	When the Chair disallowed an adjournment motion sponsored by the Opposition Leader	Walkout	15

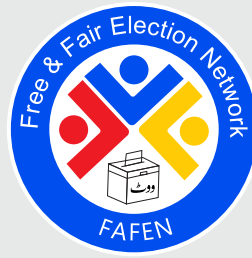
POINTING OUT OF QUORUM

Sitting No.	Name of MPA who Point out Quorum	Party	Speaker's Action
2	Nabela Hakim Ali Khan	PTI	Called the bells to be Rung for five minutes sitting resumed after completion of quorum
4	Malik Taimoor Masood	PTI	Called the bells to be Rung for five minutes sitting resumed after completion of quorum
16	Saadia Sohail Rana	PTI	The House was adjourned till Monday
17	Asif Mehmood	PTI	Suspension of the proceeding for 14 minutes
17	Saadia Sohail Rana	PTI	The count was made, the quorum was found missing on resumption Speaker Adjourn the Sitting
20	Shunila Ruth	PTI	The House was adjourned till Friday
21	Muhammad Arif Abbasi	PTI	Suspended the Proceedings for 28 Minutes

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