

Observation of GBLA 23rd Session 2nd Sitting

The 2nd sitting of the 23rd session of Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly (GBLA) held on December 15, 2017, and chaired by the Speaker GBLA. The members of the assembly were scheduled to sit in the assembly lobby at 11:00 AM. Session started at its scheduled time and adjourned at 12:40 PM till indefinite date.

Bills and Resolutions

There was one bill and four resolutions presented in the house.

General Observation on representation

- Session started at its scheduled time and continued for 1 hour and 40 minutes.
- Honorable Speaker GBLA chaired the full session.
- At the start of the session, 16 members of the assembly were present in the house. 3 members joined the house later.
- Number of women members was 4 at the beginning of the session which remained constant till the end of the sitting.
- Two out of six preliminary secretaries were present while all the chairpersons of standing committees were present in the house for the full session.
- Chief Minister was not present and Opposition leader remained there for the full session.
- Four out of six ministers were present during the session.

Representation and Responsiveness

The general proceeding of the house started with the Bill placed in the order of the house by the Minister Law Mr. Orangzaib Khan to regulate 'Police Welfare Fund'. 1% of basic pay scale would be deducted from every policeman, which would be saved in Police welfare fund. This fund would be utilized for the prosperity and welfare of policeman specially policeman of lower ranks. Punjab, Sindh and KPK already have this fund. Speaker GBLA referred this bill to Law committee.

Member of the opposition Haji Rizwan presented a resolution to increase the quota of disabled persons from 2% to 3%. Government must collect data of all disabled persons of all the districts of Gilgit Baltistan. He proposed convince allowance of Rs. 1000 to all disabled persons. Speaker GBLA referred this resolution to select Committee.

Leader of the Opposition Capt. Shafi presented a resolution for the regularization of employees of MNCH. He said MNCH is working in all districts of Gilgit Baltistan since 2006 and it also fulfills the third goal of SDGs. Speaker GBLA referred the resolution to the select committee.

Leader of the Opposition Capt. Shafi presented another resolution on decrease in flour quota. He said flour quota is decreasing since 2012, now it has reached at its peak and people of Gilgit Baltistan are facing problems. Speaker GBLA referred this resolution to the Standing committee.

Member of the Opposition Mr. Kacho Imtiaz presented a resolution favoring the teachers appointed irregularly in 2013. He said those effected teachers worked for 7 years and they have service book too. Speaker GBLA ruled out this resolution.

Outcome

One bill was placed in the business of the house while four resolutions were presented in the house, the bill and resolutions were referred to relevant committees.

Transparency

The order of the day was restricted to the legislators whereas it was not available for the observers and others. The information on attendance of the legislators was not available for observers and general public.