

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH  
SERVICES, REGULATIONS & COORDINATION

ON

“POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING RABIES VACCINE” RAISED  
BY SENATOR DILAWAR KHAN IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 05-03-2019

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH  
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)



## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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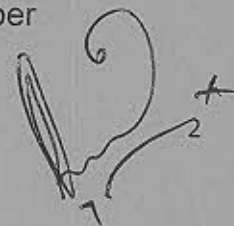
1, Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Dilawar Khan in the Senate, regarding Rabies Vaccine, referred by the House on 05-03-2019 to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is as under:-

1) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Chairman
2) Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
3) Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
4) Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
5) Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
6) Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
7) Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
8) Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
9) Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
10) Senator Sana Jamali	Member
11) Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
12) Senator Manzoor Ahmed Khan Kakar	Member

3. The Committee considered and discussed Point of Public Importance regarding Rabies vaccine in Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, which was attended by the following:

1) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Chairman
2) Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
3) Senator Dr. Ashok kumar	Member
4) Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
5) Senator Asad Ashraf	Member
6) Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
7) Senator Liaqat khan Taraqai	Member
8) Senator Saᅇa Jamali	Member
9) Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member



4. The matter of Point of Public Importance regarding rabies vaccine was raised by Senator Dilawar Khan in the sitting of Senate held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and referred to the Committee. The Ministry gave a detailed briefing on this matter in the meeting of Committee held on 12 July 2019. In this meeting the Representative of N.I.H. gave the following response:-

- i. They are formulating a comprehensive programme to produce the Rabies and anti-venom vaccine in bulk.
- ii. Presently NIH is producing 25000 viols of anti-venom vaccine which can be brought at 100,000 viols. The NIH had been manufacturing anti rabies vaccine since 1950, which was latter on suspended by WHO due to its side effects (in 2009).
- iii. NIH is currently producing anti-rabies vaccine at par with WHO standards and till December 2019, it would be able to supply 3,00,000 doses all over the country. NIH has capability to produce upto 7,00,000 doses.

During the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the matter was concluded with the consent of the Mover.

5. On the regulatory side, Dr. Asim Rauf, CEO DRAP informed that as per WHO requirement the NIH vaccines should be evaluated by the third party i.e. DRAP so the accreditation of DRAP is also mandatory. The accreditation requirement from level 2 to 3 comprises 219 points.

6. Senator Dilawar Khan pointed out that Former Minister had agreed that within 6 months DRAP will achieve level 3 without transferring any staff member, but so far no successful results achieved. The Chairman Committee took notice of the matter that why DRAP which is regulatory body is still failed to achieve accreditation level No. 3. Dr. Asim Rauf, CEO DRAP replied that presently DRAP is at level 2 and struggling to achieve level 3 and within 3 to 4 months after verification of the number of 219 accreditation points set under criteria, the level will be achieved.

7. The Committee unanimously decided to dispose of the matter and decided to present the same before the House.

  
(Akaf Ahmed Shaikh)  
Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH)  
Chairman (Committee)