



**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**

Report No.1 of 2020

**REPORT OF THE**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES,**  
**REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION**

*“The Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019”  
proposed by Senator Prof. Dr.Mehr Taj Roghani and referred by the House to the  
Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination*

**PRESENTED BY**  
**SENATOR KHUSHBAKHT SHUJAT**  
**Chairperson SSC on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

I, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee on "The Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019" proposed by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani and referred by the House to the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination

2. The matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination for consideration and report to the House.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Chairperson
2. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
3. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
4. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
5. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
6. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
7. Senator Sikandar Mandhro	Member
8. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
9. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
10. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
11. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
14. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Standing Committee considered the issue in its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The Committee disposed of the Bill and decided to submit the report to the House. The meeting was attended by the following members, namely:-

1. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Acting Chairman
2. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
4. Senator Asad Ashraf	Member
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6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
7. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
8. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
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## SUMMARY

The Committee observed that Unani, Ayurvedic system of medicine is different from that of Homoeopathy. The minimum qualification required for Homoeopathy is matriculation for seeking diploma in Homoeopathy. It was also revealed that there are degree classes for the Homoeopathic doctors where the qualification is F.Sc.-Pre-medical. The Committee opined that for diploma in Homoeopathy matriculation is not an appropriate qualification. The Homoeopathic Practitioners must have a basic understanding of Anatomy, Physiology and Chemistry. For this FSc Pre-Medical can provide sound, basic requirement for seeking admission in diploma of Homoeopathy. It will enhance the quality of diploma and reinforce the clinical knowledge encompassing the whole therapeutic process.

The Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination disagreed with the point of view of the Committee and opined that already the graduate degree holders in Homoeopathic medicine do seek admission after FSc Pre-Medical. While diploma holders being less qualified can seek admission in diploma of Homoeopathy with the basic qualification of Matriculation and compulsion of F.Sc. – Pre-Medical for diploma holders will be duplicity as already the system of Homoeopathy graduate degree is in place on the basis of FSc (Pre-Medical).

The Committee after detailed deliberation agreed that for Unani or Ayurvedic system, the basic qualification of matriculation as given in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965) was quiet justified so enhancing the minimum qualification for admission to an institution for Unani or Ayurvedic school of medicine is not fair and it shall be Matriculation with Science or equivalent examination in any university or education board in Pakistan. So the Committee unanimously agreed that the qualification for admission to a recognized institution of Unani or Ayurvedic system of medicine shall remain Matriculation as already it is in clause 21(1) of the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 namely:

**“21. Qualification for admission to institutions.-** (1) The minimum qualifications required for admission to a recognized institution of (Unani or Ayurvedic System of medicine) shall be Matriculation (with Science) or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force (preference being given) to those having higher qualification with Science



and in the case of admission to an institution of Unani system of medicine to a candidate having one or more of the following additional qualifications, namely:-

- (a) Adeeb.
- (b) Adeeb Alim.
- (c) Adeeb Fazil.
- (d) Munshi.
- (e) Munshi Alim.
- (f) Munshi Fazil.
- (g) Molvi.
- (h) Molvi Alim.
- (i) Molvi Fazil.

While the Committee agreed that in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965) for sub-section (2) of clause 21 the following shall be substituted namely:

- (i) For the words "Matriculation" the words Intermediate with science (FSc Pre-Medical) shall be substituted and
- (ii) For the words "Intermediate" the words Bachelors shall be substituted and thus sub-section (2) of Clause 21 shall be read as follows:

**21(2)** The minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy shall be F.Sc.(Pre-Medical) or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force, but those with Bachelors or higher qualifications (with Science) shall be preferred.

In light of discussion, the Committee recommends that the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019 as reported by the Standing Committee may be passed by the House. The Bill as reported by the Standing Committee is annexed as "A" and the Bill introduced in the Senate is annexed as "B."

  
( **Javaid Iqbal** )  
Secretary Committee

  
( **Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi** )  
Acting Chairman Committee

**[AS AMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]**

**A**

**BILL**

*further to amend the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient and substantial to bring meaningful and significant amendments in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement.** – (1) This Act may be called the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Substitution of section 21 (Act II of 1965).**– In the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965), for section 21, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

**“21. Qualifications for admission to institutions.**– (1) The minimum qualifications required for admission to a recognized institution of Unani or Ayurvedic System of medicine shall be *Matriculation with Science* or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force.

(2) The minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy shall be *Intermediate with Science (F.Sc. Pre-Medical)* or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force, but those with Bachelor or higher qualification with science shall be preferred.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

In the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 the minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy is Matriculation or equivalent examination. Keeping in view the importance of health and contemporary circumstances the proposed amendment enhances the minimum qualification from Matriculation to intermediate (F.Sc. Pre-Medical).

**2.** The Bill seeks to achieve the said purpose.

**SENATOR PROF. DR. MEHR TAJ ROGHANI  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**



**[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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