

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

Report No.5 of 2020

REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

Starred Question No.50 regarding "The names and locations of pharmaceutical companies sealed on account of manufacturing spurious medicines in the country during the last three years" raised by Senator Abdul Rehman Malik on 14th January, 2020

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 Starred Question No.50 raised by Senator Abdul Rehman Malik regarding "the names and locations of pharmaceutical companies sealed on account of manufacturing spurious medicines in the country during the last three years." on 14th January, 2020.

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 | |
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| 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 Dr. 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 | |
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4. The Standing Committee considered the issue in its meeting held on 19th August, 2020. The Committee disposed of the matter and decided to submit the report to the House. The meeting was attended by the following members, namely:-

| Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi | Member |
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| 2. Senator Dilawar Khan | Member |
| 3. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf | Member |
| 4. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar | Member |
| 5. Senator Prof. Dr.Mehr Taj Roghani | Member |
| 6. Senator Sana Jamali | Member |
| 7. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member/Mover |
| 8. Advisor for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordinate | ion Ex-Officio Member |
| 9. Senator Usman Khan Kakar | Mover |
| 10. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed | Mover |
| 11. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi | Mover |
| 12. Senator Hidayat ullah | Mover |

SUMMARY

The Ministry briefed that following pharmaceuticals companies were sealed on charge of manufacturing of spurious medicines in the country during last three years.

- (01) M/s Everest Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd. 124 Industrial Triangle, Kahuta Road, Islamabad. Consequent upon inspection of the premises by the DRAP along with FIA and NAB authorities, a large number of unregistered drugs and illegally procured raw materials were recovered from the premises. The case is under trial in Honourable Drug Court, Islamabad.
- (02) M/s Ambro Pharma (Pvt) Ltd. Plot No.293, Industrial triangle, Kahuta road, Islamabad. The inspection was conducted by the DRAP

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and number of violations were noticed. Now the matter regarding grant of permission for prosecution against the management for manufacturing spurious drugs is under consideration at competent forum i.e. the Registration Board.

(03) M/s Royal Herbal Ent. Co. - Plot No.1730, Near Office Baldia Town No.3, Karachi. The company was found involved in manufacturing and selling of unregistered drugs without Drug Manufacturing License which is prohibited under the Drugs Act, 1963. The Central Licensing Board in its decision submitted the application to lodge FIR against the accused persons in FIA Karachi

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) The Committee directed the Ministry to focus on drug manufacturing industry more meticulously so that public health safety is ensured properly.
- (b) The Committee endorsed the report of the Ministry and disposed of the matter with the recommendation to submit the report to the House.

(Javaid Iqbal) Secretary Committee

(Senator Khushbakht Shujat) Chairperson Committee