



SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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

**Point of Public Importance regarding “Outbreak of Corona Virus
and Precautionary Measures in Pakistan”, raised by Senator
Zeeshan Khanzada on 28th January, 2020**

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR DR.SIKANDAR MANDHRO
**Acting Chairman SSC on National Health Services, Regulations and
Coordination**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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

I, Acting Chairman 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 Point of Public Importance regarding "Outbreak of Corona Virus and Precautionary Measures in Pakistan", raised by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada on 28th 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
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 Regulation and Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

4. In terms of Rule-175(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, since the Chairperson Senator Khushbakht Shujat was out of country, the Committee chose Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro as Acting Chairman for this sitting.



5. The Standing Committee considered the issue in its various meetings. The Committee disposed of the matter on 21st October, 2020 and decided to submit the report to the House. The meeting was attended by the following members, namely:-

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| 1. Senator Sikandar Mandhro | Acting Chairman |
| 2. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar | Member |
| 3. Senator prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani | Member |
| 4. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi | Member |
| 5. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai | Member |
| 6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member/Mover |
| 7. Dr. Faisal Sultan
Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Health | Ex-Officio Member |

SUMMARY

The Committee was briefed that there has been a clear resurgence in Corona virus cases and also in deaths caused by Corona virus. The Government is closely monitoring the situation, SOPs compliance is demand of the time but unfortunately the public at large is not understanding the significance of precautionary measures in this regard. If the alarming bells are not listened to, the Government will have no choice but to revert of strict measures.

Advisor to the Prime Minister was of the view that an increase is clearly observed in death rate attributable to COVID-19. The provinces have been taken into confidence and it is advised to strictly implement the SOPs at all district and tehsil levels. The Government is also monitoring the high risk sectors. Directions in this regard have been conveyed to the officials to focus on the high risk sectors of transport, markets, marriage halls, restaurants and public gatherings. Wearing the mask and social distancing must be ensured and administrative actions shall be initiated against violators.

The COVID-19 mortality rate in Pakistan has increased by 140% in last week and it is an alarming bell for those who ignored the precautionary protocols. We



will face dire consequences and the economic fallout will be of grave nature if we collectively committed a blunder by recklessly ignoring the SOPs.

The winter season is approaching and the environmental change will cause a second Corona virus spike. Last week daily Covid-19 mortality was 12. This was 140% increase versus a few week back. We are collectively committing a blunder by recklessly ignoring the SOPs. The repercussions look very grave if we do not change our current path; we will lose both lives and livelihood.

Masking and social distancing are the ways to avoid spreading of pandemic. However the Advisor appreciated the education sector as the best compliance has been observed in the education sector. The Committee observed that it is challenging time and the world is facing a scientific crisis in this pandemic. No proper protocol of treatment can be regarded as the most certain and confirm method. The whole world is providing treatment on hit and trial basis. At times it works and at times it does not. So prevention is the best measure to avoid spread of disease.

RECOMMENDATION

While endorsing the efforts of the Ministry and the related departments, the Committee recommended to accelerate the COVID-19 health advisory platform. The provincial governments should activate the district administration to create awareness and also to ensure compliance of the SOPs amongst the public.


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Secretary Committee


SENATOR DR.SIKANDAR MANDHRO
Acting Chairman Committee