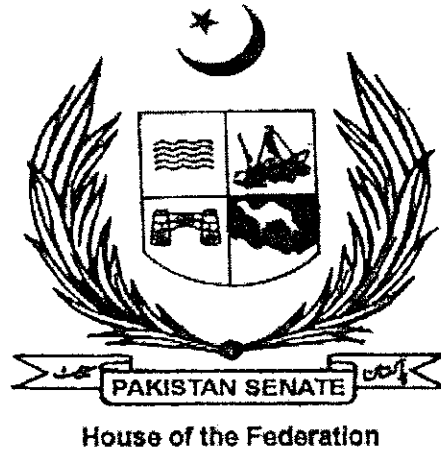


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SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO-14

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

ON

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PRESENTED BY

SENATOR DR. MUHAMMAD HUMAYUN MOHMAND

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honour to present, on behalf of Committee, this report on "Point of Public Importance regarding "Observance of Hunger Strike by the Students in Balochistan due to policies of Pakistan Medical Commission in terms of their admissions raised by Senator Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar in the House on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	<b>Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	Member
5.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
6.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
7.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
8.	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
9.	Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
10.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
11.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
12.	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
13.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
14.	SAPM to National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee held its meeting on the agenda on, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 meeting of Committee was attended by the following;

1.	<b>Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	Member
5.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
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8.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
9.	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member



10.	Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
11.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Mover
12.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed	Special Invitee
13.	SAPM to National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

4. On its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, the Committee discussed the agenda in detail. Senator Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar apprised the Committee that more than 600 students are on hunger strike in Balochistan due to decision of PMC. He further apprised the Committee that the provincial government advertised for the admissions in three medical colleges of Balochistan, thereafter the students applied and got admissions. But now, he added, they have been told that they had to give an exam because previously their colleges were not registered with the PMC. The Chairman noted that the students are facing the consequences of mistakes of medical colleges and government of Balochistan and the ignorance of PMC. He showed his concern for the students and directed the PMC and the Ministry to solve the issue.

5. The SAPM also showed his concern for the students. He said that to enhance the quality and standards for the wellbeing of the people, the regulator have to work according to rules and regulations. The Secretary PMC briefed the Committee about the issue. She said that the PMC informed the government of Balochistan to not take admissions before the NOC by PMC in 2017 and even in 2020. PMC sent their team for inspection of Colleges and pointed out some deficiencies and directed them to address these. The government of Balochistan addressed the deficiencies and PMC recognized them. She further added that PMC now would take the centralized exam of the students who are studying in their current year to asses them. Senator Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar said that PMC is bypassing the Bolan Medical University to conduct the exams. Senator Rubina Khalid considered it as unfair.

6. The SAPM recommended the PMC to review the matter and solve it in light of facts. Senator Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar endorsed it and further recommended to limit the time for the actions. In light of above, the Committee gave the following directions to the PMC for compliance and report within three weeks;

- i. *To reconsider the decision regarding Students of Medical Colleges of Balochistan regarding conducting of exam, and come up with a solution without penalizing the students.*
- ii. *The exam of students of Medical Colleges should be conducted by the same University, which conducted the earlier exams; and*
- iii. *Invite the VC Bolan University for assistance;*

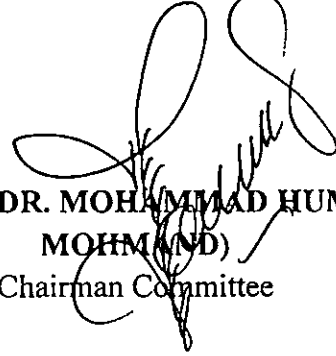
7. On its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the Committee discussed the agenda. The Member Exam PMC informed the Committee that on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, the PMC and Government of Balochistan held a meeting and it was decided that no exam would be taken. However, he added, it was further decided that the old copies of exams would be checked by the PMC and, in the meantime, the students would be provisionally registered. He further said that the Government of Balochistan has sent exam papers to PMC, however, the answer key has not



been received so far. He added that two reminders have been sent to Government of Balochistan and as soon as the PMC receives the answer key, the process will be started. The Committee appreciated the steps. The agenda was disposed of.



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Secretary Committee



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Chairman Committee