

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO. 26

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

ON

A POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR PROF. DR. MEHR TAJ  
ROGHANI IN SENATE SITTING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023 REGARDING  
"ALARMING NUMBERS OF MATERNAL AND NEONATAL MORTALITY RATES IN  
THE COUNTRY"..

PRESENTED BY

Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand

Chairman

Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand, Chairman Standing Committee on Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on a Point of Public Importance regarding "Alarming numbers of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Rates in the Country" moved by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani and referred to the Committee on 20th November, 2023 and referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.


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

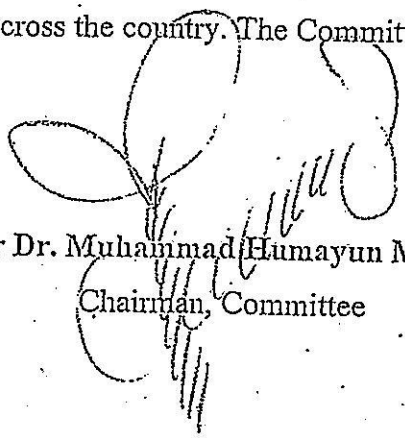
1. Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand	Chairman
2. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi Taimur	Member
5. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
6. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
7. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
8. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
9. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
10. Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
11. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
14. Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up discussion on the Calling Attention Notice in its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, under the chairmanship of Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand, with the following in attendance:

1. Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand	Chairman
2. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
4. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
5. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
6. Senator Shahadat Awan	Mover

4. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani the Mover of Point of Public Importance stated that maternal mortality is closely connected with neonatal mortality. The Special Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination submitted to the committee and appreciated that the esteemed Senate Member has raised a pertinent question regarding the funding sources and expenditure proportions dedicated to Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health (MNCH). Since the devolution of powers through the 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment, the provinces have gained more autonomy and responsibility in shaping health policies and initiative. The Federal Government, in collaboration with the provincial authorities work towards developing and implementing comprehensive strategies to improve MNCH and family planning services. Notably, the Federal Government no longer dictates or directs financial matter to the provinces, underscoring the significance of decentralized decision-making in advancing MNCH and family planning initiative across the country. The Committee disposed of the Point of Public Importance.

  
(Muhammad Shafiq)  
Secretary Committee

  
(Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand)  
Chairman, Committee