

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
House of the Federation



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

ON

**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR HAJI
HIDAYATULLAH IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 11TH MARCH,
2025, REGARDING ALLEGED CORRUPTION AND
MISMANAGEMENT IN PAKISTAN NURSING COUNCIL**

PRESENTED BY

**Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti
Chairman
Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services,
Regulations and Coordination**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR HAJI HIDAYATULLAH IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 2025, REGARDING ALLEGED CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT IN PAKISTAN NURSING COUNCIL

I, Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti, Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honor to present, on behalf of Committee, this report on a Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Haji Hidayatullah in the Senate Sitting held on 11th March, 2025, regarding alleged corruption and mismanagement in Pakistan Nursing Council and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

1. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Chairman
2. Senator Syedaal Khan (Deputy Chairman Senate)	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Ahad Khan Cheema (Minister for Economic Affairs)	Member
4. Senator Tallal Badar (Minister of State for Interior)	Member
5. Senator Abdul Qudoos	Member
6. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
7. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
8. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
9. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
10. Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
11. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
12. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee took up the matter in its meeting held on 27th May, 2025 which was attended by the following Members along with the mover:

1. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
2. Senator Masroor Ahsan	Member
3. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4. Senator Haji Hidayatullah	Spl. Invitee
5. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member

4. Senator Haji Hidayatullah briefed the Committee regarding the alleged corruption and mismanagement in the Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC). He narrated an incident where, upon raising a question in the Senate regarding the PNC, he received a message suggesting he may withdraw his question in return for personal favours, which he refused.

5. The Minister for NHR&C replied that presently we need nine hundred thousand nurses for local requirements of our country, whereas, we have offers to send 2.5 million nurses



abroad. He regretted the present state of affairs in PNC and stated that currently, computer operators have become secretaries in the Council. Whereas, some officials who joined the Council for three months have spent more than eight years and are sitting there illegally. He stated that while he holds certain symbolic authority over the institution, he lacks the formal, written powers required to implement substantial reforms. Four members of the PNC are elected from the provinces and AJK, they elect the chairman of the PNC among themselves. When my secretary goes as a member, they make him sit on one side. He strongly criticized the Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC), describing it as a "mafia-like" entity. He added that the institution has been severely mismanaged and has suffered extensive damage due to internal dysfunction.

6. Additionally, the Minister suggested an in-camera meeting to present a detailed way forward, outlining actionable steps to transform and improve the functioning of the Pakistan Nursing Council. He asked that the Committee to give time after two or three weeks so as to apprise the Committee on all the issues including the way forward.

7. The Committee assured the Minister that whatever action his Ministry will take against the entity, this Committee will support and endorse that action. The Chairman Committee and Members extended their full support to the Minister, encouraging him to bring forward any proposed legislative amendments necessary to reform the Pakistan Nursing Council.

8. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously disposed of the matter and decided that during the next month an in-camera briefing would be held at the Ministry. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of this report to the House.


(Naeem Akhtar Bhatti)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti)
Chairman