

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
*House of the Federation*



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

**ON**

**THE BUDGETARY ALLOCATION AND ITS UTILIZATION BY THE  
M/O NHR&C FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25**

**REPORT NO. 10**

**PRESENTED BY**

**Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti**  
**Chairman**

**Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services,  
Regulations and Coordination**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

**Subject: THE BUDGETARY ALLOCATION AND ITS UTILIZATION BY THE M/O NHSR&C FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25**

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 the budgetary allocation and its utilization by the M/O NHSR&C for the FY 2024-25.

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

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| 1. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti  | Chairman          |
| 2. Senator Syedaal Khan<br>(Deputy Chairman Senate)                        | Member            |
| 3. Senator Muhammad Ahad Khan Cheema<br>(Minister for Economic Affairs)    | Member            |
| 4. Senator Abdul Qudoos  | Member            |
| 5. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan  | Member            |
| 6. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai   | Member            |
| 7. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand  | Member            |
| 8. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui   | Member            |
| 9. Senator Fawzia Arshad   | Member            |
| 10. Senator Rubina Khalid  | Member            |
| 11. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati                                       | Member            |
| 12. Senator Dilawar Khan   | Member            |
| 13. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan                                       | Member            |
| 14. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri  | Member            |
| 15. Minister for National Health Services,<br>Regulations and Coordination | Ex-officio Member |

3. The Committee reviewed the budgetary allocations and its utilization for the FY 2024-25, in its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 which was attended by the following Members:

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| 1. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan   | Member            |
| 2. Senator Dilawar Khan   | Member            |
| 3. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri  | Member            |
| 4. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand                                       | Member            |
| 5. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmed Khan                                       | Member            |
| 6. Minister for National Health Services,<br>Regulations and Coordination | Ex-officio Member |

4. At the outset, the Chairman Committee inquired about the percentage increase in the current year's budget. The Secretary, M/o NHSR&C informed that only a salary head increase was approved, while other allocations remained stagnant. The Minister for NHSR&C stated that the Ministry's budget has been reduced from Rs.21 billion to Rs.14 billion, and no funds were allocated for new projects despite 12 proposals being submitted.

5. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmed Khan stressed the need for universal health coverage through a national healthcare insurance system to ensure access to quality medical services. She also proposed initiating a health insurance facility for Senate employees as a pilot model. The Minister for NHSR&C informed the committee at present, all the provinces and the Federation are spending 1157 billion rupees on health. Despite spending this amount, the State cannot claim

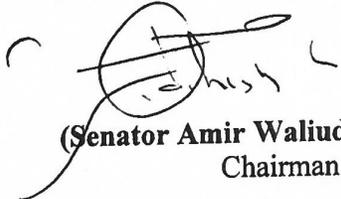


that even 10% of the population of Pakistan is satisfied with it. He elaborated that while the healthcare card facility exists in some provinces, it is not available in others. If the Government wants to provide universal health coverage to the entire Pakistan, then the Government should enlist 5,000 hospitals across the country, the total cost of this will be Rs.210 billion. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri raised concerns regarding the absence of Medico-Legal Officers and lack of basic facilities in hospitals. Senator Humayun Mohmand pointed out that PIMS consumes about Rs.6 billion annually and suggested its administrative restructuring for improved performance. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmed Khan observed that there is merely a struggle for administrative positions within hospitals. It must be examined how doctors are occupying administrative posts, whereas doctors should be appointed for the care and treatment of patients, not for administrative roles.

6. The Committee endorsed the idea of introducing a health insurance model and suggested that the Ministry should bring this proposal, whereas, the Committee will fully support it. Senator Anusha Rehman noted that 50 to 60 per cent of doctors move abroad and Pakistan is not producing enough doctors to meet national healthcare needs. She said that even those who become doctors eventually leave the country. The Minister for NHR&C informed that 22,000 doctors graduate every year in Pakistan, and a large number of female graduates do not continue medical practice after completing their degrees. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan stated that he had pointed out earlier that ventilators and other machinery are lying around in Islamabad during the COVID era; he demanded that the Committee should be briefed about where they are at the moment. The Minister for NHR&C informed the Committee that a Chinese-built hospital (IHITC), comprising 276 beds and equipped with around 86 ventilators, had been constructed with five wards but remained non-functional for three years. The hospital has now been handed over to PIMS. The Ministry is therefore pursuing a philanthropic-public partnership model under which the hospital will not be fully handed over to any single entity; instead, the partners' presence and collaboration will be ensured. A consultant has been engaged to prepare the inventory and the RFP report, and the entire process is expected to be finalized within the next one and a half to two months.

7. Senator Anusha Rahman further observed that the Ministry should first prepare an initial proposal outlining the salary structure of doctors under the proposed system. She emphasized that the Committee should be apprised of the expected impact on overall doctor remuneration and retention once the new framework is introduced. The Chairman Committee endorsed her view, noting that the disparity between public and private sector pay scales is a major factor behind the challenges in the health sector. He remarked that addressing this issue would help resolve many related problems. The Minister for NHR&C agreed and assured that the matter would be included as an agenda item in the next meeting of the Standing Committee. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of this report to the House.

  
(Naeem Akhtar Bhatti)  
Secretary Committee

  
(Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti)  
Chairman