

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
House of the Federation



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

ON

**QUESTION NOS. 48, 50 AND 52, ASKED BY SENATOR RUBINA QAIM
KHANI IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2026,**

REPORT NO. 16

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 QUESTION NOS. 48, 50 AND 52 ASKED BY SENATOR RUBINA QAIM KHANI IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2026.

I, Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti, Chairman of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on Question Nos. 48, 50 and 52, asked by Senator Rubina Qaim Khani in the Senate sitting held on 6th February, 2026 which were clubbed by the Presiding Officer and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

Q. No. 48: Details of all private medical and dental colleges in ICT indicating also their owner's names, addresses, dates of registration, number of seats allocated and fee structure with college wise and course wise breakup?

Q. No. 50: (a) The names of Advocates/lawyers engaged by the Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA) at present indicating also the dates of their engagements and rates of retainership or per case fee and fees paid so far; and (b) whether advertisements were published in the newspapers and EPADS system of PPRA was used for transparent selection of the said lawyers, if not, the reasons thereof?

Q. No. 52: Details of public sector nursing colleges/institutions in the country at present indicating also their date of registration, seats in each and criteria adopted for evaluating their annual performance?

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

1. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Chairman
2. Senator Ahad Khan Cheema	Member
3. Senator Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto	Member
4. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
5. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
6. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
7. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
8. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
9. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
10. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
11. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
12. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
13. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
14. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 31st March 2026, attended by the following Members, including the Member In-Charge and the Mover:

1. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti Chairman

2. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan
3. Senator Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto
4. Senator Rahat Jamali
5. Senator Rubina Khalid
6. Senator Rubina Qaim Khani
7. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur

Member
Member
Member
Member
Mover
Member In-Charge.

Question No. 48

4. Senator Rubina Qaim Khani stated that her Question No. 48 had not been answered satisfactorily. She observed that the fixed fee limit for medical and dental Colleges is Rs. 1.8 million; however, some institutions are charging more than this amount. She inquired whether any action has been taken against such institutions under the law. The Registrar, PM&DC, replied that Rs. 1.8 million is the minimum benchmark, while the maximum permissible fee is Rs. 2.5 million. He explained that this system has been implemented from the academic session 2024-25, based on a decision of a Committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Committee decided that Rs. 1.8 million would be the standard fee for all institutions; however, colleges that provide proper justification may be allowed to charge up to Rs. 2.5 million. He further informed the Committee that a list of all medical and dental colleges, indicating which institutions have been granted fee enhancement and which have not, has been published on the PM&DC website.

Question No. 50

5. Senator Rubina Qaim Khani informed the Committee that her Question No. 50 pertained to the per-head fee paid to lawyers appointed under IHRA. She asked whether advertisements for these appointments had been published in newspapers in accordance with the PPRA rules. The CEO, Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA), informed the Committee that currently two lawyers have been engaged. He explained that where the fee for a case is below Rs. 500,000, the appointment is made on the basis of three quotations, in accordance with the applicable procurement procedure. He further informed the Committee that a fresh advertisement has been issued, stating that all future appointments of lawyers will be made strictly in compliance with PPRA rules. At present, both lawyers have been assigned four cases, and their fees are payable upon completion of these cases. The fee of one lawyer is Rs. 495,000, and that of the other is Rs. 300,000, making a total of Rs. 795,000.

Question No. 52

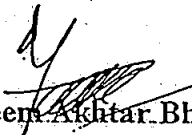
6. Senator Rubina Qaim Khani mentioned that, in response to her Question No. 52, the Ministry had provided a list of institutions; however, the other requested information had not been included. She informed the Committee that 205 public nursing institutions have been approved by the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council. The Secretary, M/o. NHSR&C, replied that the list provided includes only those institutions that have been approved by the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council. Institutions that are not approved are not considered legal colleges. Therefore, the list comprises both public and private colleges that are duly approved and licensed by the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council.

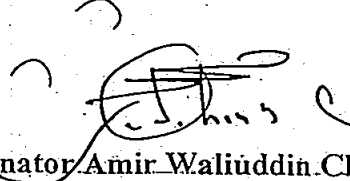
7. In response to a question by Senator Rubina Qaim Khani regarding the actions taken against colleges that are not legally recognized, the Minister for NHSR&C stated that the

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Council had faced numerous challenges in the past and had, at one point, lost its credibility. He noted that there were on-going court cases, and widespread instances of forgery. Some institutions were reportedly operating out of marriage halls. The Minister further explained that the previous law governing the Council was abolished, a Presidential Ordinance was issued, and subsequently, a new Act was enacted to establish a reconstituted Council. The newly formed Council is now operational, and the problems that had previously plagued the institution have been resolved.

8. The Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Minister for NHR&C. After detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously disposed of the matter and also approved the presentation of the report to the House.


(Naeem Akhtar Bhatti)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti)
Chairman