

SENATE SECRETARIAT

No. F. 6(1)/2024-27/C-II

Islamabad, the 30th April, 2026.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination will be held on 7th May, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

The **agenda** before the Committee will be as follows:-

1. Further consideration of a Private Member's Bill titled "The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2025" introduced by Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, in the Senate sitting held on 21st July, 2025 referred to the Committee for consideration and report.
2. Further consideration of a Private Member's Bill titled "The Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (Regulation) Bill, 2025" introduced by Senator Sarmad Ali in the Senate sitting held on 1st December, 2025 referred to the Committee for consideration and report.
3. Implementation status of the Committee's directions issued in its meeting held on 27th May 2025 regarding the inclusion of the disclaimer 'Mother's milk is the best' in all formula milk advertisements by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) to address misleading marketing practices.
4. Detailed briefing by the Secretary, M/O NHR&C on the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) major reforms and planning measures for upcoming MDCAT exams to improve transparency, efficiency, and fairness in the medical admission process.
5. Detailed briefing by the Secretary, M/O NHR&C, on the following:
 - i. Annual performance targets, strategic plans, and the implementation status of ongoing health programmes of the National Institute of Health.
 - ii. Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) projects, including approved schemes, ongoing projects, delayed initiatives, and the future development plans of the National Institute of Health.
 - iii. National disease surveillance systems, early warning mechanisms, and outbreak response frameworks being implemented by the Institute.
 - iv. Preparedness and response measures for epidemics and pandemics, including dengue, polio, influenza, COVID-19, and other communicable diseases.
 - v. Laboratory network performance, reference laboratories, testing capacity, accreditation status, and quality assurance mechanisms.
 - vi. Vaccine production capacity, procurement arrangements, cold chain management, storage systems, and nationwide distribution mechanisms of the Institute.
 - vii. Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI), including coordination with provincial governments and inter-provincial cooperation.
 - viii. Biomedical and public health research projects, scientific publications, and innovation initiatives undertaken by the Institute.
 - ix. Collaborations with universities, research institutions, and international organizations, including the World Health Organization and other development partners.
 - x. Public complaints, citizen grievances, and service delivery challenges reported against the National Institute of Health.

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6. Detailed briefing by the Secretary, M/O NHR&C, on the following:
 - i. Total number of members currently serving on the Disciplinary Committee of PM&DC along with names and designations.
 - ii. Legal basis for constitution of the Disciplinary Committee and authority responsible for nomination, selection, and approval of members.
 - iii. Date of the last meeting of the Disciplinary Committee, agenda discussed, number of cases taken up, and decisions made.
 - iv. Total number of complaints/cases referred during the last three years, including nature of complaints, category of doctors involved, findings of the Committee, penalties imposed, and present implementation status.
 - v. Total number of disciplinary cases currently pending with PM&DC, reasons for delay in disposal, expected timeline for resolution, and procedural or legal obstacles involved.
 - vi. Number of pending cases relating to provisional and permanent licenses of Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) and Local Medical Graduates (LMGs), along with reasons for non-settlement.
 - vii. Legal powers of the President of PM&DC regarding constitution, formation, reconstitution, and supervision of committees, and whether such powers require approval of the Council or Federal Government.
7. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.



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1. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Chairman
2. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
3. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member/Member In-Charge
4. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
5. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
6. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
7. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
8. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
9. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
10. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
11. Senator Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto	Member
12. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
13. Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani	Member
14. Senator Nasir Mehmood Butt	Member
15. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member
16. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	Member In-Charge
17. Senator Sarmad Ali	Member In-Charge

(I) Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. **The Secretary, M/o National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Islamabad** to attend the meeting along with all concerned.
2. **The Section Officer (Council) M/o National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Islamabad** to provide 36-copies of the working papers (in Urdu and English) along with list of participants to this Secretariat 48 hours before the meeting.
3. **The Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Islamabad**, is requested to depute an officer not below the rank of BPS-20 to assist the Committee on the Bill on Agenda Item No.1, 2
4. **P.S to Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Islamabad**. He is requested to kindly inform the Minister to attend the meeting.

(II) Copy also forwarded for information to:-

1. The Attorney General for Pakistan.
2. The Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue, Islamabad.
3. The Principal Secretary to Chairman Senate, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
4. The Director Staff to Deputy Chairman, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
5. The Director Staff to Leader of the Opposition, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
6. The Director Staff to Leader of the House, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
7. The Private Secretary to Chief Whip, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
8. The Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
9. The Joint Secretaries (Committees, Admn. & Legis), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
10. **The Joint Secretary (Legislation), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to depute an officer of the LDU to assist in the meeting of the committee.**
11. **Mr. Muhammad Shafique, Assistant Director, LDU, Block-C, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.**
12. The Deputy Secretary (Committees), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
13. The Sergeant-at-Arms, Senate Secretariat with the request to facilitate entry of the participants and official coverage team (PID & PTV Cameramen), into the Parliament House, Islamabad.
14. The Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
15. **The Director (Automation), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to make necessary arrangements for uploading of Committee Notice on Senate Website, operating of Multi-Media in meeting venue and send SMS to all Committee Members.**
16. The Executive Director (FGPC), Islamabad with the request to make necessary medical arrangements in the Parliament House.
17. The Director, News, PTV, Islamabad with the request to make necessary arrangements for the T.V coverage of the meeting.
18. The Deputy Director (Protocol /Cafeteria), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to make necessary arrangements for light refreshment at meeting venue.
19. **Syed Muhammad Ali Naqi, Consultant to the SSC on NHR&C. Contact No.0300-4640593.**
20. The Senior Finance and Accounts Officer, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
21. The P.S to Chairman Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Block-C, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
22. The Information Officer (Senate) P.I.D, Islamabad.
23. The Medical Officer, Parliament House, Islamabad.
24. The Deputy Director (Civil/Electrical), CDA, Parliament House, Islamabad.
25. The Engineer In charge, Senate/N.A. Secretariats, Islamabad.
26. All Senators Services Centers, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
27. The Sub-Engineer (Civil), CDA, Parliament House, Islamabad.
28. The Assistant Engineer, SIS, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to make necessary arrangements for audio recording at meeting venue.
29. The Annunciator, Senate Secretariat, Parliament House, Islamabad.
30. The Parliamentary Reporters Association, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.


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