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

ON

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING THE ISSUES FACED BY STUDENTS FROM BALOCHISTAN STUDYING AT THE HEALTH SERVICES ACADEMY, ISLAMABAD, RAISED BY SENATOR JAN MUHAMMAD DURING THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 21ST MAY, 2026

REPORT NO. 18

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 POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING THE ISSUES FACED BY STUDENTS FROM BALOCHISTAN STUDYING AT THE HEALTH SERVICES ACADEMY, ISLAMABAD, RAISED BY SENATOR JAN MUHAMMAD DURING THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 21ST MAY, 2026.**

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 matter of public importance regarding the issues faced by students from Balochistan studying at the Health Services Academy, Islamabad, under a scholarship scheme, including the conversion of the four-year BS Nursing Programme into an unrecognized two-year Nursing Diploma, the non-registration of students with the Pakistan Nursing Council, and directions issued to the students to vacate the hostels, raised by Senator Jan Muhammad during the Senate sitting held on 21st May, 2026, 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 Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
3. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
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 Shahzaib Durrani	Member
14. Senator Nasir Mehmood	Member
15. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee took up the matter in its meetings held on 9 July and 14 September 2026, which were attended by the following Members, along with the Mover:

i.	Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Chairman
ii.	Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
iii.	Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
iv.	Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
v.	Senator Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto	Member
vi.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
vii.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
viii.	Senator Nasir Mehmood	Member
ix.	Senator Shahzaib Durrani	Member
x.	Senator Jan Muhammad	Mover
xi.	Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination	Ex-officio Member

4. During the course of discussions, the Committee deliberated upon the matter in detail and sought the views of the Mover, the Ministry of NHSR&C, representatives from the Health Services Academy and the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council. A summary of the proceedings of the meetings on the subject matter is provided below.

5. Senator Jan Muhammad apprised the Committee of the hardships faced by students from Balochistan under the World Bank-funded Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project. Under this initiative, the World Bank allocated $26 million (approximately 10 billion rupees) through the Government of Balochistan to the Health Services Academy (HSA). Of the 150 students enrolled, 47 were admitted to a nursing programme that lacked Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council (PNMC) recognition. Consequently, after completing two years of study, these students were awarded unrecognized training certificates instead of the anticipated nursing degrees, jeopardizing their academic progression. Senator Jan Muhammad urged the PNMC to take immediate remedial action, proposing that the affected students be directly admitted to the 5th semester at the HSA to prevent any disruption to their studies.

6. The Minister for NHSR&C informed the Committee that the issue had been resolved in consultation with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the PNMC. He confirmed that the recognition hurdle had been cleared, the affected students' credentials would soon be officially recognized, and they remained eligible for admission to the 5th semester at an institution of their choice.

7. The Secretary of the PNMC reported that examinations were successfully conducted in Quetta resulting in 137 candidates appearing and 127 passing with pre-registration processed and credentials awarded by the HSA. Furthermore, the HSA representative assured the Committee that all students would be accommodated for admission, provisional registration will be issued by the PNMC, and arrangements for local training in Quetta were already underway.

8. After detailed deliberations, the Committee disposed of the matter and approved presentation of the report to the House.

(Nasim Akhtar Bhatti)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti)
Chairman