## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AN COORDINATION

"Calling Attention Notice regarding the non-functioning of College of Medical Lab. Technology moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh in the Senate during its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

Report No. 5 of 2016

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI
CHAIRMAN

## **SENATE SECRETARIAT**

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION ON THE CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE MOVED BY SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH REGARDING NON-<u>FUNCITIONING OF THE</u> COLLEGE OF MEDICAL LAB. TECHNOLOGY.

I, Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi, Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honor to present this report on the subject matter of a Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, regarding non-functioning of the College of Medical Lab. Technology in the sitting of the Senate held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Chairman
2.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
3.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
5.	Senator Hamza	Member
6.	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
7.	Senator Kalsoom Perveen	Member
8.	Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
9.	Senator Kamran Michael	Member
10.	Senator Khalida Parveen	Member
11.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
12.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
13.	Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister of State for	Ex-officio Member
	National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination.	

- 3. The Committee took up the matter during its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016.
- 4. The Executive Director, National Health Authority (NHA), briefed the Committee about the matter. He informed the Committee that the College in question is a part of the National Health Authority (NHA). He told that the building of the college has been completed last year and it is fully functional. It has 6 class rooms, Labs and all the necessary equipments. The college is offering 2 years certificate course of Higher Secondary School Certificate in Medical Laboratory Technology, affiliated with Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad and a four years BS (Hon.) programme in Medical Lab. Technology affiliated with Shaheed Zukfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad. He informed that the college is short of faculty/teaching staff. The vacant posts were advertised last year but some employees got a stay order from the Court and the Court has restrained the administration from taking any decision in the matter. He also informed that they are reviewing the curriculum and are trying to get accreditation for the college with National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), Islamabad.

- 5. The Committee was of the view that there is a mushroom growth of medical laboratories without any standardization. The tests conducted by them are not up to the mark which leads to difficulties in diagnosis and treatment of diseases. The Government should take steps for the control/regulation of medical labs. The Secretary, M/O National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination informed the Committee that a Federal Health Regulatory Commission Bill is under process which will provide for the necessary regulations for the medical labs.
- 6. After thorough discussion the Committee disposed off the Calling Attention Notice.

(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee

Islamabad, the 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

(SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI)
Chairman Committee