

**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE**

Starred Question No. 1 asked by Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan on December 20, 2016 regarding "the number of doctors, paramedical and administrative staff working in the Cantonment Board Hospital, Rawalpindi on regular and ad-hoc/temporary basis with department-wise breakup";

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**PRESENTED BY
(SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED)
CHAIRMAN**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence, have the honour to present a report, on behalf of the Committee, on **Starred Question No. 1** asked by **Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan** on **December 20, 2016** regarding **"the number of doctors, paramedical and administrative staff working in the Cantonment Board Hospital, Rawalpindi on regular and ad-hoc/temporary basis with department-wise breakup"**; which was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Chairman
2. Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member
3. Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
4. Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashadi	Member
6. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
7. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum	Member
8. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
9. Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
10. Senator Farooq H. Naek	Member
11. Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
12. Senator Brig (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
13. Minister for Defence	Ex-Officio Member

3. A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Defence was held on 8th February, 2017. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

1. Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member
2. Senator Hidayat ullah	Member
3. Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
4. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
5. Senator Lt. Gen (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
6. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum	Member
7. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
8. Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
9. Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
10. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
11. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Mover
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Mover
13. Senator (R) Muhammad Zahid Khan	Mover
14. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Special Invitee

4. Agenda item being a Starred Question referred by the House and moved by Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan, on December 20, 2016 was taken first. The Mover expressed his non-satisfaction at the answer provided in the working paper by the Ministry of Defence, being the same as submitted to the House earlier. As this reply was un-satisfactory, the matter was referred to the Committee for detailed deliberations on the matter.

5. Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan gave the background of the question as he had himself served as a member of the Cantonment Board, Rawalpindi. The current situation was termed the result of a lack of administrative interest in developing health institutions. There was an acute shortage of staff with no Medical Superintendent to look after the affairs of the hospital. The Hon'ble Senator raised the following supplementary questions:-

- a) Why regular staff was not being appointed?
- b) What were the sources of income of the hospital and how much was the annual income?
- c) Did the hospital received any grant from the Ministry of Defence?
- d) What was the expenditure statement of the last three years?
- e) Since when was the post of Medical Superintendent vacant and what measures had been adopted by the Cantonment Board to fill this post?
- f) What are the requirements of a Teaching Hospital?
- g) Does this hospital fulfill these requirements?
- h) Are the training facilities adequate to train medical students?
- i) What are the terms and conditions of the agreement with Yusra Medical College?
- j) How has this improved the situation and how much revenue has been generated as a result of this affiliation?
- k) Who are the entitled patients for free treatment at this hospital?
- l) What is the Doctor to patient ratio, both in the OPD and Indoors?
- m) Why 24 hours surgical facility is not available in the hospital?
- n) What is the number of functional Operation Theaters in the hospital?

6. Senator Farhatullah Babar seconded the opinion of the Mover and stated that the hospital was not being maintained properly & the designated posts were lying vacant. There were no filled posts of medical specialists.

7. Senator Ch. Tanvir Khan further asked for details of the proposal whereby this hospital was being attached to a medical college.

8. The Ministry of Defence represented by the Secretary Defence & Addl. DG, ML&C, reiterated the position as given in the working paper and explained that all

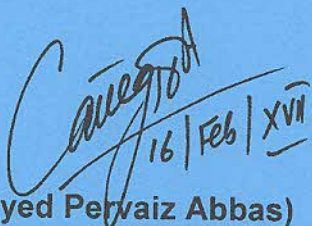
expenses were borne by the hospital out of its own resources. After taking us office by the new Secretary Ministry of Defence, the hospital was working on a new vision focused on postgraduate training. For this the hospital was being converted into a 500 bedded facility. Affiliating the hospital with a medical college was the only solution whereby adequate number of medical staff would be made available for providing state of the art medical facilities to the people. It was further pointed out that Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) was enhancing its health budget.

9. On a query by Senator Ch. Tanvir Khan regarding why a Board of Governors was not being constituted to run the affairs of the hospital, the Ministry of Defence was of the view that the Cantonment Board was a Board that was managing affairs of the hospital.

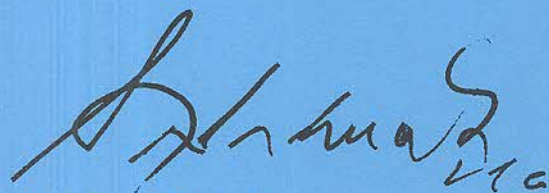
Decision:

10. In the end, the Chair directed the Ministry of Defence to submit a report regarding progress and improvements in the medical services provided by the hospital. This report is to be provided every two months with a copy to Senator Ch. Tanvir Khan, Mover of the question. The matter was disposed off accordingly.

11. The Hon'ble Acting Chairman & the members of Senate Standing Committee on Defence adopted this report and approved its laying before the Honourable House.



(Dr. Syed Perwaiz Abbas)
Addl. Secretary / Secretary Committee



(Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi)
Acting Chairman