


**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****PRESS RELEASE****NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATION AND COORDINATION MEETS TODAY**

1. **Lahore, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.** A meeting of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination held today at 10.00 a.m. in the Office of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP), 6-A.R. Chughtai Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, N.I.M.R.T. Building Lahore, under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi, MNA** to discuss the Implementation status of recommendations with regards to DRAP by the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination. Performance / Functions of FID's / ADC's to analyze the quality of medicines in pharma units at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta.
2. Dr. M. Aslam, the new Chief Executive Officer (DRAP) briefed Committee over working and performance of the DDGs, FIDs and ADCs. The Performa given by the regulators are briefly discussed and pointed out several deficiencies over the part of DRAP. The capacity and capability of the DRAP staff may further be enhanced and recommended to check the quality of drugs at all level. The spurious drugs may not be tolerated at any cost. The committee directed to eradicate the corruption and sub-standard medicine to strengthen the efficacy and better image of the DRAP. Dr. Amanullah Khan, Director, Provincial Drug Testing Laboratory, Baluchistan brief the committee over the technical issues of DRAP. The committee appreciated his good command and technical expertise in the field of medicines.
3. Dr. A. Q. Javed, Director (QA&LT), DRAP, Islamabad also brief the committee over the activity with collaboration of WHO about their rolls. The capacity building of officers involved in inspections was also discussed in details. The committee after thorough consideration decided to give its full supports for the betterment of the DRAP in the interest of the country. The pricing policy was also discussed and shows their satisfaction over the measures taken by the Ministry and directed to maintain the quality and efficacy of drug.
4. The meeting was attended by Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt, Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, Ms. Shakila Luqman, Ms. Shaista Pervaiz, Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi, Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan, Qari Muhammad Yousaf, Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla, Dr. Hafeez-ur-Rehamn Drishak and Mr. Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani MNAs besides CEO, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan and senior Officers from Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination.
5. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.



**(SHER BAHADUR AWAN)**  
D.S/Secretary Committee