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## NAB orders probe against PMDC ex-registrar, others

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The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has ordered inquiry under section 18(C) of NAO-1999 against Dr. Ahmad Nadeem Akbar, former Registrar of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), and others.

According to a statement issued by the PMDC here on Thursday, Dr. Ahmad and others were prima facie involved in commission of scheduled offences of corruption and corrupt practices punishable under the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999. The Bureau has directed its Investigation Officer to hold inquiry and submit a final inquiry report together with the evidence and other material collected by August 29 2013. The NAB has directed PM&DC to provide information/record in this regard, which includes the record of PM&DC Headquarter secretariat building, Salary and other fringe benefits drawn by the former Registrar, departmental inquiry report conducted by PM&DC, findings of external/internal audits, service record of Dr. Nadeem, and details of doctors and medical/dental colleges registered with PM&DC during his tenure.

Dr. Shaista Faisal, Acting Registrar, has been nominated as focal person for the inquiry. Administrator PM&DC Dr. Raja Amjad Mehmood has taken strict notice of the medical dental colleges which are deficient in their faculty and who do not have their own hospitals. The PM&DC is conducting inspection of all medical and dental colleges and pointing out their deficiencies in writing to them, so that the standard of medical and dental education can be improved. It is worth mentioning here that NAB has taken serious notice of the corruption of the former Registrar and the inspection teams who approved these medical and dental colleges.