

## **PMDC recommendations to be implemented for improving medical field**

ISLAMABAD, Jan 29: The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council today held its first inaugural Council meeting after the election and composition of the President, Vice president and Executive Committee. The Minister for Health National Health services, Regulations and coordination (NHRS&C) Ms Saira Afzal Tarar was invited as the chief guest.

In the meeting the Minister of State for National Health Regulations, Saira Afzal Tarar on Friday said that Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC)'s recommendations would be implemented in letter and spirit for bringing improvement in the medical field.

Addressing a press conference along with newly elected president of PMDC Prof. Dr Shabbir Ahmed Lahri, she said, "The body's unanimous recommendations will be implemented to bring improvement in the medical field, and these will be converted into legislation if needed to achieve the set goals."

She said that PMDC would give presentations within 15 days to set up long and short term goals for to bring improvement in the medical field.

She urged the medical colleges to ensure merit in the admission process to improve the image of medical profession.

The minister said that Pakistan Medical and Dental Council was an autonomous body and the government was not interfering in its functioning.

On the election of PM&DC she said," it is a matter of great satisfaction that after a long period i.e since 2012, a regular Pakistan Medical and Dental Council has been formed in a transparent manner so that the standard of medical education is not compromised."

The Minister urged the council to evolve mechanism for grievances redressal system adding it would have to establish rigorous monitoring and evaluation system.

She stressed better coordination and concerted efforts between ministry and council for setting up a credible system of accreditation, examination and registration of colleges which leaves no complaint of corruption and arbitrariness.

She urged the newly constituted PM&DC body to review the suitability and fitness of decision and recommendations, particularly made in the past

regarding recognition of medical and dental institutions, in order to streamline the medical education and profession.

The President PM&DC Prof.Dr.Shabir Lehri said it was the prime duty of the PM&DC to restoring the "public confidence" which had heavily been eroded over the years.

He said that last glory of the PM&DC would be reviewed. He said that necessary steps would be taken for eliminate corruption in health sector.

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