

## PM&DC HOLDS ITS 152 COUNCIL MEETING

### PM&DC Constitutes Evaluation Committee to review new medical dental colleges

Islamabad 10th June 2017: Pakistan Medical and Dental Council hold its 152th Council meeting presided by the President PM&DC. The State Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination specially came to attend the meeting to discuss and decide several important cases pertaining to medical and dental education and policy implementations with Council members. While taking a quick review of the PM&DC Council working she appreciated the President PM&DC and its Council members for giving their best in order to streamline the functioning of PM&DC and medical dental education and maintain transparency. She emphasized that Ministry of NHR&C and PM&DC are on one pitch and will carry out improvement steps jointly. She said this Council came into being with our utmost efforts to maintain merit and transparency in the medical dental field. She categorically appreciated President PM&DC for uplifting the image of PM&DC nationally and internationally and also ensured her full support for uplifting the Council in all manners.

While taking to the Council members Minister of state discussed the matter in reference to new medical and dental colleges which have been recommended by the Council and have been forwarded for notification to the Federal Government which are still pending with them. She emphasized that Federal Government has no intention to interfere in the statutory powers of PM&DC apex body. She intended to work with PM&DC together to ascertain good quality education in the country. The Council members pledged to maintain full transparency in the matters of recognition of new medical dental colleges and constituted a four member Evaluation Committee comprising of Dr.Sania Nishtar, Prof.Dr.Abdul Bari, Surgeon Gen.Asif Sukhaira, Prof.Dr.Aijaz Hassan. This committee will prepare TOR's for inspection process, evaluate and review all the inspection reports of new medical and dental colleges' and will give their recommendation to the Ministry of NHR&C.

She also highlighted the issue of delay in implementation of centralise induction of students in medical dental colleges through PM&DC Admission Regulations 2016 due to the pending litigation and stay orders passed by various courts. She stressed that these cases may be followed by PM&DC rigorously and all efforts shall be made to get those stay vacated so that these regulations can be exercised from this year as the dates of induction for new admissions are again coming near. The council member Prof.Dr.Abdul Bari apprised the council that the chief justice of supreme court has asked various government depts and bodies to give suggestions for strengthening them therefore PM&DC should highlight their hurdles being faced in implementation of its statutory rules. The council unanimously decided to seek help from the Honourable chief Justice humbly apprising him the pending litigation and various stay orders across the country with regards to these regulations in order to rescue PM&DC from the hurdles in implementation of their rules.

President PM&DC Prof.Dr.Sabbir Lehri said that the Council is very glad that despite there have been a mafia who have their own vested interest they tries their level best to defame PM&DC by portraying false news, allegations and rumors but the uprightness and far sightedness of the Minister of State has always been helpful for PM&DC to come under any pressure or black mailing as it have been done in the past. He added that she has shown concern for the poor patients of the country and directed the Council to make a strong mechanism for the poor to get free treatment in the teaching hospitals as PM&DC has imposed all the colleges to offer 50% free beds to the poor. President PM&DC thanked the Minister for her support.

