

MINUTES OF 153RD SPECIAL EMERENGENT MEETING OF NCH
HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2020

Following members attended the video linked meeting:-

- 1) Homoeopathic Doctor Mahmood ul Haq Abbasi, President
- 2) Homoeopathic Doctor Rao Ghulam Murtaza, Vice President
- 3) Homoeopathic Doctor M.B. Jawed Awan, Member
- 4) Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad Irfan Wali, Member
- 5) Homoeopathic Doctor Saeed ur Rehman Khattak, Member
- 6) Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad Aslam Khan, Member
- 7) Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad Asif Khan, Member
- 8) Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad Moin Khan, Member
- 9) Homoeopathic Doctor Waheed Ahmad, Member
- 10) Homoeopathic Doctor Naeem Hafeez, Member
- 11) Homoeopathic Doctor Faisal Saleem, Member
- 12) Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad IdreesTareen, Member
- 13) Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad Tariq Khan, Member
- 14) Homoeopathic Doctor Javed Akhter, Member
- 15) Homoeopathic Doctor Raheel Muhammad, Member
- 16) Homoeopathic Doctor Siddique Ali Ansari, Member
- 17) Homoeopathic Doctor Ilahi Bux, Member
- 18) Homoeopathic Doctor Tabassum Hussain, Member
- 19) Homoeopathic Doctor Irum Naz Akhter, Member
- 20) Homoeopathic Doctor Aisha Nawaz, Member
- 21) Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Deputy Secretary (Budget), M/o NHR&C
- 22) Mr. Aamir Nadeem Ramay, Secretary / Registrar

2. Meeting started at 07:30 PM with recitation of HOLY QURAN by Homoeopathic Doctor M.B. Javed Awan. The meeting chaired by the President Homoeopathic Doctor Mahmood Ul Haq Abbasi. He welcomed all the members for their participation in this video linked meeting to discuss one point agenda about prevailing situation of COVID-19 an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person and its transmission spread around the world. He offered the members to give their point of view regarding this pandemic.


- Homoeopathic Doctor Saeed Ur Rehman Khattak started the discussion and gave the following point.
 - i) Awareness to the general public especially, Homoeopathic Doctors, Principals of HMCs, Homoeopathic Pharmaceutical Industry and people associated with this, through brochures, posters, and social media.
 - ii) Providing masks and sanitizers to the general public including the Homoeopathic community.
 - iii) Press release by NCH about COVID-19 symptoms with relative Homoeopathic medicines like Arsenicum Album, Bryonia, Aconite, Ignatia and Gelsemium.
 - iv) An amount of 5 Million should be released from the Council Fund and roughly 5 Million from the other sources means, members of NCH, Pharmaceutical companies and renowned Homoeopathic Doctors.

- Homoeopathic Doctor M.B. Javed Awan stated that the neighboring countries around us are giving homoeopathic medicines on government level.
- Homoeopathic Doctor Ilahi Bux disagreed with Homoeopathic Doctor M.B. Javed Awan saying there's no such thing happening over there. He was of the view that there are more than 140 Homoeopathic Medical Colleges imparting education under the umbrella of NCH. It may be noted, he added, that according to Regulations for Recognition of Homoeopathic Teaching Institutions 1988, the covered area of each institution should not be less than 5800sq.ft., it seems quite reasonable that the Council may offer these buildings spread all over the country for quarantine to the NDMA.
- Mr. Khalil Ahmad, DS Budget said we can't do anything independently we must have permission from the Government of Pakistan.
- Homoeopathic Doctor Javed Akhter endorsed the opinion of Homoeopathic Doctor Ilahi Bux that all the Homoeopathic Medical Colleges in Pakistan, offer their services by making their buildings as quarantine centers.
- Homoeopathic Doctor Faisal Saleem, disagreed with the proposal of Homoeopathic Doctor Javed Akhter, saying as students study in them, it'll be difficult to bring the buildings back to normal conditions and sanitizing them. He seconds what Homoeopathic Doctor Saeed Ur Rehman Khattak suggested. Homoeopathic Doctor Raheel Muhammad, Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad Moen Khan, Homoeopathic Doctor Saddique Ali Ansari and Homoeopathic Doctor Muhammad Irfan Wali, seconded Homoeopathic Doctor Faisal Saleem's point of view. He also said that some Homoeopathic Pharmaceutical companies are making medicines in the name of COVID-19 which is illegal.
- Homoeopathic Doctor Rao Ghulam Murtaza briefed the house, that because of lockdown in the country, we can't provide masks, brochures, sanitizers etc. We also would need to take permission from PEMRA. As demand for masks and sanitizers are at extreme these days, so it'll be very expensive for us to get them on such a large scale. He also suggested that we may ask the Chairman NDMA, about the requirements in existing circumstances.

DECISIONS:

- Letter to Chairman N.D.M.A. for supportive offer as regulatory body in terms of healthcare paraphernalia and manpower field force.
- Masks, sanitizer etc. are not yet feasible.
- It was decided that COVID-19 is a pandemic disease and any trial medication is yet to available so far, therefore curative claims should be avoided. However, symptomatic treatment is available in Homoeopathy according to individuality of patient.

- Advisories for all stakeholders including the practitioners, the general public, and persons in pharmaceutical manufacturing/business, should be formulated accordingly and appropriately propagated.
- Practitioners are our first line soldier, in this regard it was unanimously decided to make an advisory to Manufacturers / Importers to provide PPE's kits, Masks, Sanitizers and other allied material for their safe-guard.


(Aamir Nadeem Ramay)
Registrar