

Senate body lauded for questioning PMDC affairs

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KARACHI: The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) on Friday appreciated the chairman of the Senate's Standing Committee on National Health Services for his "bold reaction" on the "interference" of the federal minister concerned in the affairs of the country's premier body to regulate medical services.

"We appreciate the chairman for his reaction on the minister's manipulation for electing the latter's close friend as president of the PMDC and favouring a group of doctors," said Dr S.M. Qaisar Sajjad, secretary general of the PMA.

He said the PMA had already rejected the PMDC Ordinance 2019 under which "this selected council has been formed, which is in total violation of PMDC Ordinance 1962".

"The PMA has always called for making the PMDC an autonomous, independent, transparent, democratic and vibrant body to look after the related issues in a democratic and transparent way. Through this ordinance, we think that there will be no change in the affairs of the PMDC and it will remain a continuation of the mess which we have been witnessing for decades," said Dr Sajjad.

He requested the members of the Senate and National Assembly to come forward and support the PMA by raising their voice against "this illegal, unconstitutional and destructive ordinance" and to reject PMDC Ordinance 2019 in both houses of parliament in near future.

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PMA asks lawmakers to reject PMDC ordinance

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ISLAMABAD: After concerns shown by a parliamentary committee about the new council of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has also criticised the establishment of the council through nominations.

“President Dr Arif Alvi, who is also a health practitioner, should consult Prime Minister Imran Khan and withdraw the PMDC Ordinance. Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government believes in merit so it should revive the old ordinance under which over 60pc members of the council were elected,” PMA Secretary General Dr Qaisar Sajjad told Dawn.

“As the new council has been established through a presidential ordinance, which has to sail through parliament, we urge parliamentarians to reject the ordinance. Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) during its tenure wasted almost a year as it promulgated an ordinance for 120 days and then extended it for another 120 days. Now the PTI government might do the same so we suggest that the ordinance should be withdrawn,” he said.

On March 13, the PMDC elected Prof Dr Tariq Iqbal Bhutta as president and Prof Dr Amer Zaman Khan as vice president for three years.

Dr Sajjad said Dr Bhutta must be a competent person but selection of the council members through nominations was not appropriate.

“The council has to look into medical education so it should not be controversial at all,” he said.

According to a statement, the PMA appreciated Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services (NHS) Chairman Mian Ateeq Shaikh for his bold reaction to the alleged interference of the federal health minister in electing his close friend as the PMDC president and favouring of a group of doctors.

“PMA has already rejected the PMDC Ordinance 2019 under which this selected council has been formed which is in total violation of the PMDC Ordinance 1962. PMA has always stressed making PMDC an autonomous, independent, transparent, democratic and vibrant body to look after related issues in a democratic and transparent way. Through this ordinance, we think there will be no change in the affairs of PMDC and it will remain a continuation of the mess which we have witnessed for decades,” it states.

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پی ایم ڈی سی میں وفاقی وزیر کی مداخلت افسوسناک ہے، قیصر سجاد

-از اسٹاف رپورٹر

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن سینیٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے نیشنل ہیلتھ سروسز کے چیئرمین کے جرات مندانہ بیان کا خیرمقدم کرتی ہے جس میں انہوں نے وفاقی وزیر برائے نیشنل ہیلتھ سروسز کی جانب سے پی ایم ڈی سی کے معاملات میں مداخلت پر سخت تنقید کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ انہوں نے غلط طریقے سے اپنے قریبی دوست کو پی ایم ڈی سی کا صدر منتخب کرایا ہے اور ڈاکٹروں کے ایک خاص گروپ کی حمایت کر رہے ہیں۔ ان خیالات کا پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن سینٹر کے سیکرٹری جنرل ڈاکٹر ایس ایم قیصر سجاد نے اپنے ایک بیان میں کیا۔ ڈاکٹر ایس ایم قیصر سجاد کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ پی ایم اے، پی ایم ڈی سی آرڈیننس 2019ء کو پہلے ہی مسترد کر چکی ہے جس کے تحت موجودہ نامزد کردہ کونسل وجود میں آئی ہے، یہ پی ایم ڈی سی آرڈیننس 1962ء کی مکمل خلاف ورزی ہے، پی ایم اے سینیٹ اور قومی اسمبلی کے اراکین سے درخواست کرتی ہے کہ وہ اس غیر قانونی، غیر آئینی اور تباہ کن آرڈیننس کے خلاف آواز اٹھا کر پی ایم اے کے مؤقف کی حمایت کریں اور مستقبل قریب میں دونوں ایوانوں میں پی ایم ڈی سی آرڈی ننس 2019ء کو مسترد کریں۔

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