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SENATE SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 9th March, 2020

No. F. 24(37)/2019-Legis.— Pursuant of sub-rule (4) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the following report of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination presented to the Senate on 4th March, 2020, is published for information:—

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION.

I, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee on “The Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019” proposed by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani and referred by the House to the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.

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2. The matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination for consideration and report to the House.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:—

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	<i>Chairperson</i>
2. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	<i>Member</i>
3. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	<i>Member</i>
4. Senator Dilawar Khan	<i>Member</i>
5. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	<i>Member</i>
6. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	<i>Member</i>
7. Senator Sikandar Mandhro	<i>Member</i>
8. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	<i>Member</i>
9. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	<i>Member</i>
10. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	<i>Member</i>
11. Senator Sana Jamali	<i>Member</i>
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	<i>Member</i>
13. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	<i>Member</i>
14. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination	<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>

4. The Standing Committee considered the issue in its meeting held on 12th February, 2020. The Committee disposed of the Bill and decided to submit the report to the House. The meeting was attended by the following members, namely:—

1. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	<i>Acting Chairman</i>
2. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	<i>Member</i>
3. Senator Sana Jamali	<i>Member</i>
4. Senator Asad Ashraf	<i>Member</i>
5. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	<i>Member</i>
6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	<i>Member</i>
7. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	<i>Member</i>
8. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	<i>Member</i>
9. Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	<i>Member</i>

SUMMARY

The Committee observed that Unani, Ayurvedic system of medicine is different from that of Homoeopathy. The minimum qualification required for Homoeopathy is matriculation for seeking diploma in Homoeopathy. It was also revealed that there are degree classes for the Homoeopathic doctors where the qualification is F.Sc. Pre-medical. The Committee opined that for diploma in Homoeopathy matriculation is not an appropriate qualification. The Homoeopathic Practitioners must have a basic understanding of Anatomy, Physiology and Chemistry. For this F.Sc. Pre-Medical can provide sound, basic requirement for seeking admission in diploma of Homoeopathy. It will enhance the quality of diploma and re-inforce the clinical knowledge encompassing the whole therapeutic process.

The Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination dis-agreed with the point of view of the Committee and opined that already the graduate degree holders in Homoeopathic medicine do seek admission after F.Sc. Pre-Medical. While diploma holders being less qualified can seek admission in diploma of Homoeopathy with the basic qualification of Matriculation and compulsion of F.Sc. – Pre-Medical for diploma holders will be duplicity as already the system of Homoeopathy graduate degree is in place on the basis of F.Sc. (Pre-Medical).

The Committee after detailed deliberation agreed that for Unani or Ayurvedic system, the basic qualification of matriculation as given in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965) was quiet justified so enhancing the minimum qualification for admission to an institution for Unani or Ayurvedic school of medicine is not fair and it shall be Matriculation with Science or equivalent examination in any university or education board in Pakistan. So the Committee unanimously agreed that the qualification for admission to a recognized institution of Unani or Ayurvedic system of medicine shall remain Matriculation as already it is in clause 21(1) of the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 namely:

“21. Qualification for admission to institutions.— (1) The minimum qualifications required for admission to a recognized institution of (Unani or Ayurvedic System of medicine) shall be Matriculation (with Science) or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force (preference being given) to those having higher qualification with Science and in the case of admission to an institution of Unani system of medicine to a candidate having one or more of the following additional qualifications, namely:—

- (a) Adeeb.
- (b) Adeeb Alim.
- (c) Adeeb Fazil.
- (d) Munshi.
- (e) Munshi Alim.
- (f) Munshi Fazil.
- (g) Molvi.
- (h) Molvi Alim.
- (i) Molvi Fazil.

While the Committee agreed that in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965) for sub-section (2) of clause 21 the following shall be substituted namely:

- (i) For the words “Matriculation” the words Intermediate with science (F.Sc. Pre-Medical) shall be substituted ;and
- (ii) For the words “Intermediate” the words Bachelors shall be substituted and thus sub-section (2) of Clause 21 shall be read as follows:

21(2) The minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy shall be F.Sc.(Pre-Medical) or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force, but those with Bachelors or higher qualifications (with Science) shall be preferred.

In light of discussion, the Committee recommends that the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019 as reported by the Standing Committee may be passed by the House. The Bill as reported by the Standing Committee is annexed as “A” and the Bill introduced in the Senate is annexed as “B.”

Sd
JAVAID IQBAL,
Secretary Committee.

Sd
SENATOR GHASUS MUHAMMAD KHAN NIAZI,
Acting Chairman Committee.

ANNEXURE-A

[AS AMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

A

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further to amend the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965

WHEREAS it is expedient and substantial to bring meaningful and significant amendments in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Substitution of section 21 (Act II of 1965).**— In the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965), for section 21, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“21. **Qualifications for admission to institutions.**— (1) The minimum qualifications required for admission to a recognized institution of Unani or Ayurvedic System of medicine shall be *Matriculation with Science* or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force.

(2) The minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy shall be *Intermediate with Science (F.Sc. Pre-Medical)* or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force, but those with Bachelor or higher qualification with science shall be preferred.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 the minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy is Matriculation or equivalent examination. Keeping in view the

importance of health and contemporary circumstances the proposed amendment enhances the minimum qualification from Matriculation to intermediate (F.Sc. Pre-Medical).

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the said purpose.

SENATOR PROF. DR. MEHR TAJ ROGHANI,
Member-in-charge.

ANNEXURE-B

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force.

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2. The Bill seeks to achieve the said purpose.

SENATOR PROF. DR. MEHR TAJ ROGHANI,
Member-in-Charge.

DR. AKHTAR NAZIR,
Secretary.