

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry RCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Pharmaceuticals

Venue: Mian Pervaz Aslam Hall

Time: 10:00am

Date: 12th January , 2015

Chairman: Mr. Usman Shuakat

Vice Chairman : Mr. Aslam Naqash

Chief Guest: Mr. Shahram Khan Tarakai, Minister of Health and Science & Tech./I.T. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)

Minutes Recorded by: Ms. Amara Saleem R&D Officer

S. No	Points Of Discussion
	The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.
1.	Mr. Usman Shuakat Chairman standing committee on Pharmaceuticals welcomed Chief guest along with other members present at the meeting.
2.	<p>Presentation was delivered by Mr. Usman Shaukat Presentation agenda was on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Pakistan Pharmaceutical Sector overview▶ Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) health initiatives & policies▶ Q&A with the Senior Minister of Health and S.T & I.T KPK▶ Pharmaceutical sector concerns & issues of pharmacies/drug stores/chemists▶ Committee Recommendations & member feedback <p>First three agenda points were discussed in front of the chief guest while all others were discussed in the rest of the meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Chief Guest Mr. Shahram Khan thanked RCCI President and Chairman of the Standing committee Mr. Usman Shaukaut for inviting. He discussed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He acknowledged the role of RCCI and business community.• He defines that fake medicines is the major problem in the province of KPK specifically in the areas of Namakmandi and hayatabad.• No facilities are available at the government hospitals.• Minister request the President RCCI and all the meeting attendees to donate for the Shaukat Kahnem Hospital.
3.	Syed Asad Mashadi President RCCI and SVP Mian Hamayun Parvez acknowledged Minister and Chairman.

4.	<p>One of the member question that what effective measures are taken for the eradication of polio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister replies that are not much successful but now ownership will be implemented effectively.
5.	<p>Dr. Shimail Daud Arain, Ex Officio RCCI Suggested the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laws should be developed so that in case of any prohibition----- To have hospitals that are abiding should be appreciated <p>Minister appreciated the suggestions.</p>
6.	<p>Mr. Irfan Manan Khan, Secretary General asked a question from minister that in Noshera some hospitals are not having basic medicines.</p> <p>Minister replied back that laws have been passed. No limitations of funds and free medicine are now provided at many hospitals.</p>
7.	<p>Minister was acknowledged for his presence at the meeting. Vote of thanks was delivered by the Vice Chairman.</p>
8.	<p>Standing Committee Meeting was started Mr. Usman Shaukat present the concerns of Pharma Sector along with some recommendations to the committee.</p> <p>Concerns of pharmaceutical sector are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) issues such as adhocism & ineffective policy making & implementation Licensing, Registration & Pricing Matters Delays in new licensing of units/inspections Backlog in registration of new drugs/molecules Price controls & non-existent pricing policy Export related issues (issuance of GMP, COPP etc) Pharmacies & drug stores issues due to drug inspectors
9.	<p>Following Recommendations were presented by the Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) should appoint permanent CEO on immediate basis Resources should be mobilized by DRAP to clear huge backlog of registrations of medicines & vaccines Effective price control should be introduced for industry RCCI executive body should implore Secretary Health to alleviate industry concerns Minimum 12 monthly meetings of licensing, pricing, & registration boards should be advocated as stated in Drugs Act of 1976
10.	<p>It was jointly decided at the meeting that all chambers presidents should highlight the issues related to this sector in front of Chief Minister Pakistan.</p>
11.	<p>Ch. Pervaiz Ahmed Warraich suggested that PPMA is not concerned, we need to formulate a committee including president and 5/6 members. A delegation should be made having all major chambers presidents’.</p>
12.	<p>Mr. Najam Rehan Former President RCCI suggested having an ad in newspaper. Chairman to bring the entire discussed matters practical.</p>
13.	<p>At the end, Vice Chairman thanked all the participants and assure them their suggestions will be</p>

	<p>welcomed by the committee. Meeting was adjourned with the vote of thanks.</p>
--	--