

## DRAP PRESS RELEASE:

This is in reference to the press release and conference held today 6th Nov 2017, by the owner of Ms Everest Pharmaceutical Islamabad, Chaudhary Usman and his close associate Mr Noor Maher and other associates, who claim to be presidents of so called associations; is another series of lies and baseless blames. Various such attempts clearly reflect motivated information for vested interest of culprits who are involved in manufacturing of illegal, banned and unregistered sex drugs. DRAP has started stern actions against many such violators, and they are now misleading media with their wrong and baseless blames and twisting of facts.

Computerization of drug Registration record has disturbed the miscreants, as some of them have fabricated and false documents therefore they are shouting and spreading disinformation, as this computerization will disclose such wrong deeds in the past. DRAP Registration and Pricing divisions deny any such missing of records which are all intact. New initiatives in drug registration process including international quality CTD format for drug Registration dossier, 2D barcoding on labelling, mandatory GMP certified source of raw materials of API and excipients, standardization of drug specification, etc, are worthy efforts of DRAP team to ensure the provision of quality drugs. Similarly stern actions of DRAP, FIA and provincial governments, suspension and cancellation of drug licenses, registration cancellations, fines in crores, FIRs, imprisonment of violators of Drug Act 1976 and DRAP ACT 2012, the drug mafia has lost senses and every now and then coming up with lust and lies, defamation attempts, character assassination, fake complaints, legal cases, etc but DRAP and M/o NHR&C are determined not to accept any pressure and take stern actions, across the board, against all these mafias, who are spreading spurious, fake and counterfeit drugs, but government will clean this menace, in the larger public interest and patient safety.

Similarly, regarding drug pricing, a stringent mechanism is provided under Drug Pricing Policy 2015, which is implemented in true spirit. Drug Pricing committee include members from all relevant stakeholders, provinces, etc and recommend the price fixation as per policy which is further re-scrutinized and finally price fixation is decided by Federal cabinet/ government.

Regarding Mr Murad, it is again twisting of the facts. DRAP clarifies that all promotions and postings are as per rules and provisions. All payments of allowances are at par and same across the board for all staff on deputation.

The case in reference to Dr Sh Akhter, the referred letter is from NAB and not from Ministry of Health or NHR&C or DRAP, therefore we can't comment on it. Furthermore the matter is subjudice, bringing it to media and press conference is an attempt of contempt of court, DRAP will move it accordingly.

Regarding recruitment again it was an across the board revision for all positions not only for ADs, and after due approvals, thus the claim is wrong. The process of recruitments last year was regarded as transparent, fair and totally on merit. It was appreciated by all including stake holders; The matter is more than a year old, the gurdge now seems to be due to the reason that these new appointees are working hard and have moved away the cleric mafia and thus proceeding the cases only on merit base that on one side, is highly appreciated by stake holders, while on the other side have disturbed the wrong doers and corrupt practices.

DRAP invites all worthy professionals and agencies to join hands in eradication of illegal, spurious and unregistered drugs from our beloved country with support from all responsible citizens.