

· PATH FOR QUICK APPROVAL & IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS IN PIPELINE

The house was informed by Prof. Dr. Asif Zafar Malik that the Ministry of S&T has requested that all the projects in pipeline shall get approved by the Secretary of Health and Chief Secretary as a mandatory requirement.

The house was unanimous of the opinion that this will be a barrier to the success and spirit of the projects and infect all the concerned projects have been prepared by the autonomous institutions where the Institution Management Committee (RMC) and hence the Chief Executive has full and final powers. (Reference to the Punjab Medical and Health Institutions Bill, 1998 bearing legislation No. Legis-2 (25)/98/96 passed by the provincial assembly of Punjab on 25th Nov. 1998).

The house decided to convene a meeting with the representatives of Ministry of S&T specially Mr. Salman Ansari in Islamabad at the earliest possible (date to be decided by Prof. Dr. Asif Zafar Malik) in which they will be convinced about the ground realities and requested to move forward at an accelerated pace and cut down the unnecessary requirements and hurdles.

· PLANS FOR SUCCEEDING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES OF TELEMEDICINE FORUM

Plans for succeeding meetings and conferences of Telemedicine forum were discussed. It was decided that all necessary arrangements should be made for second Telemedicine conference, which will be held in King Edwards Medical College Lahore. Dr. Sadaqat was asked to coordinate with all concerned departments and announce the date at earliest possible. It was also decided that the arrangements for the succeeding meetings and conferences can be started simultaneously and these can be held one after the other with smaller time intervals, as it will give a synchrony to the events.

· BRIEF ON COMSATS ACTIVITIES BY MR. TAJAMAL

Mr. Tajammul Hussain from Comsats gave a brief background of his organization. He explained that it is an organization of 21 underdeveloped countries and we The Pakistan are the major ISP provider among the member countries. He further told that they have launched a small Tele Health Clinic in Islamabad on 28th Dec 2001 and invited all forum members to visit the clinic and see its performance.

Finally Dr. Zakiuddin paid his thanks to all participants who have come from different corners of the country to participate in the first telemedicine conference.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

- Dr. Asif Zafar Malik
- Dr. Zakiuddin Ahmed
- Dr. Zubair Hassan
- Dr. Fareed Minhas
- Dr. Muhammad Imran
- Dr. Sadaqat
- Dr. A.A. Durrani
- Mr. Tajammul Hussain
- Mr. Shahid Ansari
- Miss Momina Riaz
- Mr. Shayan Ansari