

Ministries to Cooperate in Tele-Medicine Projects

Islamabad: The telehealth medicine project launched by the government will go long way in the provision of health facilities to less developed areas of the country, said federal minister for science and technology Dr. Atta- Ur- Rehman on Thursday.

Presiding over a meeting of inter ministerial of senior officials of health division, the minister said there is a great disparity in the health related facilities in various part of the country.

“The telemedicine project would go a long way to mitigate these problems facing the common man,” he said.

The minister said a telemedicine task force was set up in Oct last year which is working on a number of projects for developing health information systems, using IT in medical education and for providing medical consultation services through internet and video conferencing etc.

Addressing the meeting secretary health Ijaz Raheem appreciated the projects launched by IT & Telecom division. He however emphasize on the need of initiating some projects, which may have maximum impact on the life of common people.

He suggested that some projects proposed might the IT & TELECOM division tail dove with some projects being run successfully by the health division in the remote areas of the country.

It has been decided that input and comments from health ministry will be sought about the usefulness of the projects launched and the ministry will closely interact in future planning.

It has also been decided that provincial governments will be involved in tele-medicine projects.

Ministry of health will convene a meeting of provincial health ministers and secretaries in March this year to bring them about the projects launched in the telemedicine area. -APP