

must be made aware that necessary medicines are available at affordable prices, while public should also be cautioned about not taking the risk of self-medication. The August Court has further held that in case any public or private hospital or any expert or health professional wishes to provide any additional input in the matter, it/ he may file the same before this court within thirty days of the publication thereof.

5. It is submitted that In compliance of this order dated 27-03-2018, Additional Advocate General Punjab, vide letter No Addl. A. A. G /S.C/ISB dated 11-04-2018 intimated the Secretary Govt. of the Punjab Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Lahore to circulate the same and to ensure compliance accordingly. Further, the S&GAD vide their letter No. P.A/DS(SM)4-385/2018 dated 13-04-2018, the Chief Secretary Punjab has directed the Health Departments in Punjab to ensure immediate compliance. The Provincial Health Departments have accordingly circulated necessary instructions to the DGHS and CEOs/MS's to ensure compliance vide their letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 (F/C) and letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 (F/D).

6. The August Court also fixed the case for the next hearing for 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. However, the proceeding were held on 05-07-2018 at 09:00 A.M in Islamabad and the DCG represented the Punjab Healthcare Commission on the said date, on a very short notice (PUC).

7. The matter has been examined and it is observed that there are no specific or explicit directions for the PHC in the said orders of the August Supreme Court. However, in order to give effect to the orders of the court in the HCEs operating in the province, it is proposed that:

- (a) The PHC may also place the detailed orders of the Court related to display on PHC website the standard prescription of cheap medicines for information of patients; and the list of essential equipment to be made available and to be kept operational in the emergencies of the hospitals.
- (b) The PHC may also communicate the said orders of the August Supreme Court to all Category-I and Category-II HCEs to ensure compliance.
- (c) The PHC inspection teams may also ascertain compliance to the said orders in the HCEs during pre-assessments and regular visits.

8. Background at para 1-6/ante and proposals at para 7/ante are submitted for kind perusal and approval / orders.

9. AD(CSD)

*Para 7 & 8 above submitted for perusal / approval / orders.*

DD(CSD)

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10. DCG

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*Background of the case presented at paras 1 to para 6/ante and proposal at para 7/ante submitted for perusal / orders. Pl. arrange a larger meeting of the Senior Mgmt to discuss this. Thanks*

11. COO

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DCG

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**subject: Human Rights Case No.10633-/2018: Orders dated 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

1. Sr. Court Associate, Human Rights Cell, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad (F/A) while communicating the judgement to all Advocate Generals, the DRAP, the NHSR&C Ministry, the Provincial Secretaries of Health & the Chairmen of the provincial Healthcare Commissions, & the Heads of Cardiology Institutes including President, Pakistan Society of Interventional Cardiologists has stated that the HRC No.623-P/2017 (in the matter of imbedding substandard Cardiac Stents) came up for hearing before the Court on 20-3-18 and while disposing of the matter, an order was passed, relevant portions wherein from are reflected as under:

...thereafter, having considered the report, we make it part of this order and direct its implementation in letter and spirit within the period of 90 days by all the quarters concerned and the respective compliance reports be subsequently submitted after the lapse of stipulated period for our perusal in chambers.

2. On account of the above, this matter is disposed of.

3. We have also requested the Committee constituted vide order dated 8.2.2018 to devise and provide this Court with an affordable standard prescription of cheap medical treatment for heart patients pre and also post the heart operation/surgery. Lt. Gen. Azhar Kiyani, Head of Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology has successfully formulated such affordable standard prescription for heart patients and states that samples of the same will be provided within a couple of days. Let the needful be done and the office is directed to separately number this aspect of the matter. After the provision of the said sample prescription, the same be widely published so that the so that the people can be made aware of this alternative prescription of medicines, etc., that is available in the market at cheap prices for their medical treatment, and the treatment of heart diseases can be made affordable for all. Besides, Lt. Ge. Dr. Azhar Kiyani should also apprise us as to what other health treatments can be similarly provided affordable standardized prescription for and in this regard, which medical experts / specialists from the Health sector can be approached to obtain their pro bono assistance in the interest of the public at large to formulate such standard prescriptions for inexpensive drugs within an affordable price range. Moreover, a list of essential medical equipment, basic facilities and services that should be available in Emergency Ward /Departments of all hospitals, particularly in public service hospitals, be provided by the next date of hearing. Re-list separately numbered matter on 27-3-2018.

2. As regards the Supreme Court orders under HRC 623-P/2017 related to registration of Cardiac Cath Labs, the case has been processed in a separate file, and the PHC has held a detailed Consultative Meeting of Interventional Cardiologists and other stakeholders to proceed with implementation of the Court orders.

3. As regards implementation of the Orders depicted in the later paragraph of the judgment pertaining to HRC 10633/2018 (affordable standard prescription of cheap medical treatment for the heart surgery patients), the detailed judgment of the August Supreme Court dated 27-3-18 may be seen at (F/B). It has been reported that Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Kiyani has provided a standard template of prescriptions of the patients of certain chronic diseases including hypertension and cardiovascular diseases who may have undergone any heart related procedure (bypass Surgery, Angioplasty etc.). The standard prescriptions and their cost has been incorporated in para 2 of the said court order and a list of necessary equipment which must be available in every emergency of public & private hospitals, has been incorporated in para 5 of the said order.

4. The honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in the said case has directed all concerned officers including concerned ministries, heads of public and private hospitals etc. to the Attorney General for Pakistan as well as all the Advocate Generals of the provinces and Islamabad Capital Territory to circulate / arrange for circulation of this order amongst all concerned, and patients