



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the matter of

Complaint No. PF.(52193-P)/2021-DC/PMC

Mr. Muhammad Ali Raza	Chairman
Dr. Anis-ur- Rehman	Member
Dr. Asif Loya	Member

Present:

Tariq Shabbir (52193-P)	Respondent
Hearing dated	04.06.2022

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir passed his MD from Sten State Pediatric Medical Academy, Russia in 2001. He passed NEB examination in 2007 and the erstwhile PM&DC issued him Certificate of Registration in the Medical List as equivalent to LSMF (PAK) on 15.01.2008. Later on, he submitted equivalence certificate of IBCC on 17.01.2008 for conversion of his certificate in LSMF into MBBS (PAK). Therefore, after due process and verification of IBCC equivalence certificate, erstwhile PM&DC on 20.02.2008 issued to Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir a Provisional Registration Certificate for house job only.
2. Subsequently, Respondent Dr. Tariq applied for permanent registration and submitted house job certificates of Federal Govt. Hospital Islamabad and Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, Karachi. His house job certificates were sent for verification to concerned hospitals. In response, Medical



Superintendent, Abbasi Shaheed Hospital Karachi through letter dated 19.10.2010 informed that house job certificate of Respondent Dr. Tariq is fake.

Application Submitted by Dr. Tariq Shabbir

3. On 19.05.2016, Dr. Tariq Shabbir submitted an application wherein he stated that he completed 06 months' house job at Federal Govt. Hospital Islamabad from 22.02.2008 to 21.08.2008. Thereafter, he couldn't complete his house job as his mother suffered a heart attack and he remained busy in her treatment. In the meantime, his provisional registration for house job expired.
4. He further submitted that subsequently a doctor suggested that he can manage 06 months' house job certificate for him and provided the same.
5. Dr. Tariq Shabbir submitted that due to this mistake he had suffered for 06 years. He further requested that he may be forgiven for this mistake and be allowed to complete his remaining 06 months' house job.

II. PROCEEDINGS OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF ERSTWHILE PMDC

6. In view of the above, notice dated 06.04.2017 was issued to Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir and he was directed to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 19.04.2017.
7. In compliance, he appeared before the Disciplinary Committee on 19.04.2017. The Disciplinary Committee after hearing the respondent doctor recommended as under:

“The respondent doctor tender apology for submission of fake house job certificate. On receipt of apology on affidavit he may be allowed to complete his 06 months' house job. Case is disposed off.”

8. Minutes of the Disciplinary Committee were placed before the Council of erstwhile PM&DC in its 160th Session on 06.02.2018. The Council observed as under:

“the Council after having discussion unanimously decided that as the minutes are voluminous which requires detailed deliberation, the minutes of meeting of Disciplinary Committee dated 4th & 5th April, 2017 at Islamabad and dated 18th & 19th April, 2017 at Lahore shall be placed before the Executive Committee for its recommendations and onward submission to the Council for approval in its next meeting. Remaining minutes of Disciplinary Committee shall be considered later on.”

9. In accordance with the directions of the Council minutes of Disciplinary Committee were placed before the Executive Committee of PM&DC on 26.02.2018. The Executive Committee observed and directed as under:

“the Executive Committee considered the minutes of:

- i. Disciplinary Committee meeting held on 4th & 5th April, 2017 at Islamabad and dated 18th & 19th April, 2017 at Lahore.*
- ii. Summary of all decisions.*

The Executive Committee decided that minutes of Disciplinary Committee dated 4th & 5th April 18th & 19th April, 2017 will be prepared by the Legal Section in a tabulated manner segregating the cases according to the title of the case, nature of complaints, number of hearings provided to both the parties, and the decisions / remarks pertaining to these cases. The Disciplinary Committee shall analyze the same and shall submit their findings to the Executive Committee.”

10. After 26.02.2018 this matter was never placed before the Disciplinary Committee and therefore, was not concluded.

III. APPLICATION BY DR. TARIQ SHABBIR (28.03.2022)

11. Dr. Tariq Shabbir through email dated 28.03.2022 submitted another application wherein he stated that he graduated from Russia and passed NEB exam in 2007. He completed only 6 months' house job thereafter he started second house job but a few weeks later his mother suffered a heart attack and she passed away subsequently. After that his younger sister also passed away and he was in depression. He did commit a mistake which he admitted before the Disciplinary Committee. He tendered apology to the Disciplinary Committee and the Committee allowed him to complete remaining 06 months' house job. Therefore, he may be allowed to complete his remaining 06 months' house job.

IV. HEARING

12. Since the matter was previously heard by the Disciplinary Committee of PM&DC and as per record the minutes of Committee could not be approved by the Council and the then Executive Committee had referred the matter to the Disciplinary Committee therefore, the matter was once again fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee of Pakistan Medical Commission. Notice dated 16.05.2022 was issued to Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir directing him to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 04.06.2022.
13. On the date of hearing Dr. Tariq Shabbir appeared before the Disciplinary Committee and confirmed the contents of his application as to reasons why he could not complete his house job. The Disciplinary Committee confronted the Respondent that he submitted a fake house job certificate of Abbasi Shaheed Hospital in order to get a permanent license, to which the Respondent admitted that he had done so. The Disciplinary Committee further asked on whose advice did he submit the fake house job he stated that a colleague namely Dr. Ajmal told him that he can manage a house job certificate for him. No particulars of Dr. Ajmal were provided to identify the actual licensee, if any.
14. The Committee further enquired from the Respondent doctor whether he had qualified NEB exam, which he stated he had in 2007 passed NEB exam. He further stated that his IBCC equivalence was also submitted to erstwhile PM&DC which was verified to be correct.

V. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

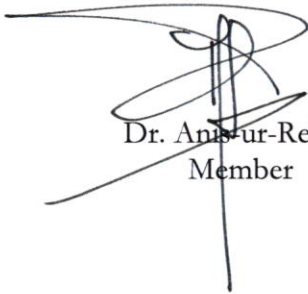
15. After hearing the Respondent doctor and perusing the record the Disciplinary Committee observes that Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir graduated in 2001 from Sten State Paediatric Medical Academy, Russia. He applied to the erstwhile PM&DC for registration of his overseas basic medical qualification on 03.11.2003. The Assistant Secretary PM&DC vide letter dated 19.11.2003 sent degree of MD of Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir to the Embassy of Pakistan in Russia for verification. The verification was received from the Embassy of Pakistan in Russia on 11.02.2004. Dr. Tariq Shabbir was declared eligible for NEB examination. He appeared in NEB examination conducted by the erstwhile PM&DC and passed the same in 2007. He was registered as LSMF on 15.01.2008.

16. On 17.01.2008, he submitted equivalence certificate of HSSC issued by Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) for conversion of his certificate of LSFM into MBBS (PAK). The said certificate was sent to the Secretary IBCC for verification vide letter dated 22.01.2008. Verification from IBCC was received on 08.2.2008. Therefore, after due process and verification provisional license was issued to Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir on 20.02.2008 for completion of one-year house job.
17. The Disciplinary Committee further observes that as per the applicable law a one-year house job was mandatory for obtaining full registration as a medical practitioner. Record reveals that Respondent doctor submitted an application for full/permanent registration on 19.4.2010, along with his application he submitted two house job certificates i.e. six months' house job certificate issued by Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad and another six months' house job certificate from Abbasi Shaheed Hospital.
18. Both the certificates were sent to the concerned hospitals for verification. The house job certificate issued by Federal Government Hospital, Islamabad was declared genuine by the Executive Director of the said hospital. However, House Job Certificate R.S.NO. 5896/09 issued by Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, Karachi was declared fake by the Medical Superintendent of the said hospital.
19. Matter of submission of fake certificate was placed before the then Disciplinary Committee of erstwhile PMDC on 19.04.2017 and as per minutes of the Disciplinary Committee Respondent Dr. Tariq Shabbir was allowed to complete his house job, subject to a written apology tendered by him but the said minutes of Disciplinary Committee could not be approved by the Council.
20. The Respondent doctor has again tendered apology and has sought a sympathetic consideration of his case. The Committee is aware of the fact that the Respondents has duly passed his MD degree and his other document were also genuine except the six months' house job certificate issued from Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, Karachi, for which has been punished as he has been denied issuance of permanent license to practice for a long period. However, after a lapse of about 14 years it would not be appropriate to allow the Respondent doctor to complete six

months' house job and get the full registration. It is not just a case of fulfilling the requirement of mandatory house job. He needs to be fully trained and equipped in terms of the changes in medical practice which have taken place in the last 14 years to embark on the path of a safe medical practitioner.

21. The Disciplinary Committee, therefore, directs the Respondent doctor to complete one-year internship at DHQ Hospital, Muzaffargarh and thereafter he will have to pass NLE 2 skills exam conducted by the PMC for foreign graduates. If he successfully completes his one-year house job and passes the skills exams he shall be allowed to be registered in accordance with applicable registration regulations/policies.

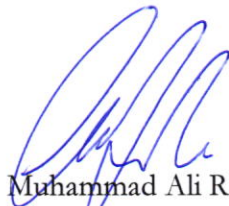
22. In view of the above the instant matter stands disposed of.



Dr. Anis-ur-Rehman
Member



Dr. Asif Loya
Member



Muhammad Ali Raza
Chairman

20th July, 2022