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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**[Islamabad, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022]** A Larger Bench of the Sindh High Court declared as void ab initio having been issued without lawful authority the Notifications issued by the Sindh Government, Ministry of Health allowing students who had failed the MDCAT entrance exam to obtain admission in medical and dental colleges in Sindh. A Constitutional Petition had been filed by the Pakistan Medical Commission against these decisions of the Sindh Government as the same were contrary to the law and earlier decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and also in order to protect the rights of thousands of students in Sindh who had qualified the MDCAT but were being denied admission by a select group of private colleges relying on the impugned decision of the Sindh Government.

The national admissions data shows that a group of eight private dental colleges in Sindh primarily sought to take the benefit of the challenged Sindh Government decision by not admitting available MDCAT qualified students and instead seeking to admit MDCAT failed students as per reports received. These eight dental colleges, Altamash Institute of Dental Medicine, Bhattai Dental & Medical College, Liaquat College of Medicine & Dentistry, Baqai Dental College, Fatima Jinnah Dental College, Muhammad Dental College, Sir Syed College of Medical Sciences and Isra Dental College, in total admitted only 22 MDCAT qualified students against 540 available seats. A handful of private medical colleges also sought to take some advantage of the invalid decision of the Sindh Government by attempting to admit some failed MDCAT students. It is noteworthy that almost all of the public colleges in Sindh and the reputed private colleges in Sindh did not follow the Sindh Government decision and strictly followed the PMC Regulations and the law admitting MDCAT qualified students.

The Pakistan Medical Commission has already stated that strict action will be taken against any college which sought to admit students who were not qualified for admission in violation of the law and in doing so fraudulently misrepresented to students that they could be admitted.