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औषध विभाग
राष्ट्रीय औषध मूल्य निर्धारण प्राधिकरण
Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Pharmaceuticals
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

26th March, 2020

Subject: Ensuring unobstructed movement of raw material, packing material, finished products and manpower related to manufacturing and distribution of drugs and medical devices-reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Orders of even No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020 and 25.03.2020 wherein Guidelines were issued to Ministry/ Departments of Government of India, State/ Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities, to take effective measures so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

2. The directions given in aforesaid Guidelines regarding pharmaceuticals industry is reproduced here as under:

"5. Industrial establishments will remain closed.

Exceptions:

a. **Manufacturing Units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw materials and intermediates.**

b. -----

c. -----

d. **Manufacturing units of packaging materials for food items, drugs, pharmaceuticals and medical devices**

6. All transport services –Air, Rail, Roadways-will remain suspended.

Exceptions:

a. Transportation of **essential goods** only.

b. ----

c. Cross land boarder of **essential goods** including petroleum products and LPG, food products, **medical supplies**"

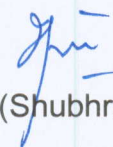
3. The seamless functioning of Pharma manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector is essential in dealing with the emergent situation. It is learnt that Pharma companies are facing problem in movement of stock and manpower which may hamper production and supply of medicines and medical devices thereby impacting their availability in the market. Representations received

from FICCI in this regard are enclosed with this letter for ready reference and intervention. Also, you are aware that NPPA is operating a Control Room with Helpline Number 1800111255. Complaints received on this number are also being referred to State Drug Controller for suitable intervention.

4. It is accordingly requested that suitable instructions may be passed to District Administrations/concerned authorities to facilitate the Pharma companies and ensure unobstructed movement of raw material, packing material and manpower required to accomplish work related to production, packing and distribution during the lockdown period.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Shubhra Singh)

The Chief Secretaries,
All State Governments & UT Governments as per list enclosed
(As per list enclosed)