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March 24, 2020

Ref : APS/AIOCD/559/2020

To,

**ALL OFFICE BEARERS / PRESIDENTS / SECRETARIES AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF AIOCD**

Sub : AIOCD Circulars reg..

Dear Sir,

We are enclosing with this Two circulars.

1. Reg. Appeal sent to all Industry /Pharma Companies for extending credit period, simple business process etc.
2. Current issue of difficulties faced by retail pharmacies /wholesalers /company C&F / owner as well as their support staff for commuting to attend their business premises due to imposing of lockdown in most of the states.

Central Govt. through DOP – Secretary –Dr. P.D. Waghela has instantly responded to our appeal & advised all Chief Secretaries of all States and U.T. to take necessary steps so as to allow persons engaged in dispensing and delivery of medicines right from retail/wholesale & C&F locations.

Under the current situation we have been receiving calls from many members from all over India reg. the issues being faced by them. Therefore, you are requested to send all enclosed communications to down level upto stockists /wholesalers and retail chemists.

Kindly note it has been observed the communication sent from AIOCD office to State Members does not reach to the common members.

Hope you shall ensure all important circulars /communications go down level in current critical situation.

Thanking you,

For The All India Organisation of Chemists & Druggists

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- Encl : 1. Appeal to Industry
2. Urgent Advisory to PMO and All CM
3. Letter copy from DOP Secretary



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To,

All Distributors/Marketing/Finance Head of Pharma companies

Reg: Extended credit to stokiets due to abnormal situation.

Dear Sir,

You are well aware that, massive lockdown has been ordered in many staes throughout country, due to wide spread of Covid -19 infection up to 31st March 2020.

Though Pharmacies / supply chains are in essential list, normal business operations have been disrupted totally. This has impacted financial circulation adversely of both Retailers and Stockists. Keeping in mind crucial services of pharmaceutical Trade & Industry, we have instructed all our members to be responsible & maintain uninterrupted supply of Medicine to needy public.

Under circumstances all of you are also requested to consider the disturbed payment cycle of our members & extend credit periods, without imposing any conditions like targets etc.

Payment : We suggest not to lodge any cheque upto 10th April 2020 against supplies made. provide atleast 15 days extra credit for new invoices, looking to the limit of billing to the particular party, which is solely your discretion.

Supply : Dispatch the goods only if the courier or transport are operational & able to deliver the same other wise due to lock down it will be stuck up at transport only.

Hope you shall suspend temporarily, targets/lot scheme circulars till normalcy returns. Allow clear credit days and stop lodging the cheque otherwise there will be lot of cheque bouncing.

Hope Industry will co-operate in this crucial situation.

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To,

Hon'ble Dr. Shrikhar Pradeshi

Joint Secretary – PMO

New Delhi – 110 001

Sub : Urgent Advisory to State Home Ministries, Police Department – to Allow Pharmacy Owner /Supplier of Medicines, their support staff to commute ...reg.

Respected Sir,

All India Organisation of Chemists & Druggists (AIOCD) an apex body of all States and U.T. of India, Association of chemists and distributors having approx. 8.5 lakhs members, spread throughout India. Our members serve day and night, providing medicines to 125 crores of population.

Retail Chemists, wholesalers, pharma C&F of Drugs and Medicines have their own supply chain eco system. It is reported from various locations that local police objecting movement of support staff e.g. pharmacists, chemists, wholesale firm owner, loading, unloading labour and transport driver of engage in at pharmacies, medicine distributor, pharma companies C&F.

It has been further aggravated by forcing to close courier firms, transport firms, engage in medicine distribution.

Sir, unless an immediate intervention is not made by issuing a clear advisory to all Home Ministries of all state then the entire supply chain would be paralyzed and for no reason the availability of medicine would be adversely impacted.

We therefore propose, that our member owner of medicine dealer (retailer/wholesaler/pharma C& F) are ready to issue a photo-identity to their staff/support staff, delivery vehicles etc. and on physical verification of the same those staff /support staff should be allow to commute by local police.

Sir, Medicine is listed in Essential Commodity and our lacs of members, their staff and support staff /workers engage in various points of delivery are trying their best for making essential medicines available in this critical and risky situation. But it is also important unless these persons engage in supply chain ecosystem allow discharging their duties physically, it would be very difficult to maintain uninterrupted supply of essential medicines.

We would wish to thank our Hon'ble P.M. Modiji who has given us a word to convey our issues to concern department during a dialogue held with him on Saturday 21st March 2020 on video calling.

Kindly consider our request and expedite necessary advisory to all concern and inform us accordingly.

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Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Pharmaceuticals

DO letter No: 35022/4/2020-Policy(Pt.)

Date: 23.03.2020

Dear *Chief Secretary,*

You are well aware of the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been declared as pandemic by World Health Organization (WHO), and various proactive steps taken by the Central and the various State Governments to control, mitigate and improve the situation in the country.

In this regard, the Department of Pharmaceuticals, whose mandate is to ensure availability, accessibility and affordability of medicines, is closely monitoring their availability all across the country on day to day basis. You are well aware that the Drugs plays a vital role in public health care delivery system and are included as essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and it has been all the more critical in pandemic situation. As it is the responsibility of the government to ensure the availability of medicines to the public, it is vital that manufacturing, import, sale and distribution of the drugs takes places without any impediment so as to ensure continuous availability of the drugs.

The Department has received inputs from various pharma/ medical device manufactures that the district administrations in various States/UTs have given directions to close the manufacturing operations in the pharmaceutical industry as part of various measures to contain spread of the Coronavirus. Further, restrictions have also been imposed on mobility of the citizens which may hamper the supply of medicines, distribution and its transport.

In this regard, you may kindly refer to the review meeting taken by the Cabinet Secretary and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister with the Chief Secretaries of the State Governments on 22.03.2020 wherein, amongst others, it was decided that *'the establishment/ factories engaged in manufacturing and distribution of essential commodities like medicines, vaccines, sanitizers, masks, medical devices, their ancillaries and support services should be exempt from restrictions'*. A copy of the relevant press release is **enclosed**.

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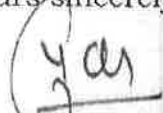
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As such, you are requested to kindly review the matter at your end and issue directions for treating the activities referred in para above as essential services and also direct the authorities concerned to make necessary arrangements for issuance of IDs/ Entry Pass so as to facilitate movement of the workers engaged in these essential activities.

Further , in cases where inter-state movement of workers is involved, you may sort the matter with your counterpart in the State concerned, so that the pharma/medical devices factories function without any hindrance.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely


(P D Vaghela)

Encl. As above

To

Chief Secretaries (All State/UTs)

Copy (for information) to:

Pharma/ Medical Devices Associations

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Cabinet Secretary and PS to Hon. Prime Minister review status, management and containment of COVID-19

Posted On: 22 MAR 2020 6:51PM by PIB Delhi

Cabinet Secretary and the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister reviewed the status, actions taken and preparedness regarding management and containment of COVID-19 in a high level with Chief Secretaries of States through a video conference, here today. The increase in the number of confirmed cases during the last few days was discussed. The Central Government impressed upon the States the need for urgent and effective interventions.

After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:

- a. State Governments will issue orders allowing only essential services to operate in districts with confirmed COVID-19 cases. The focus should be on closure of all activities except essential services such as hospitals, telecom, medicine shops, provision stores etc.
- b. Establishments/factories engaged in manufacturing and distribution of essential commodities like medicines, vaccines, sanitizers, masks, medical devices, their ancillaries and support services etc., should be exempt from these restrictions.
- c. State Governments may expand the list depending on their assessment of the situation.
- d. All train services suspended till 31st March 2020 including sub urban rail services.
- e. Good trains may continue to operate for facilitating availability of essential commodities.
- f. All metro rail services suspended till 31st March 2020.
- g. Interstate passenger transport also to be suspended till 31st Mar 2020.
- h. Transport services may operate at mere skeletal level
- a. These measures are temporary but extremely vital to break the chain of transmission.
- j. States were also requested to ensure that while such measures are being taken, necessary steps to minimize discomfort to the poor and disadvantaged sections of the society may be ensured.
- k. States to request industries, establishments etc., to allow their employees to work from home and provide remuneration to them during this period.
- l. Central Government has already asked Labour Ministry and Ministry of Corporate Affairs to issue necessary instructions to this effect.
- m. States were further asked to ramp up the readiness to manage the positive cases in health facilities.
- n. States to assess the availability of medical services including quarantine and scale them up to meet all possible contingencies.
- o. States were asked to have earmarked facilities fully dedicated to manage the COVID-19 cases only.
- p. Each State was requested to identify and ensure that such hospitals are equipped to manage the COVID 19 cases.

State	District
Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam
	Vijaywada
	Vizag
Chandigarh	Chandigarh
Chhattisgarh	Raipur
Delhi	Central
	East Delhi
	North Delhi
	North West Delhi
	North East Delhi
	South Delhi
	West Delhi
Gujrat	Kutchh
	Rajkot
	Gandhinagar
	Surat
	Vadodara
	Ahmedabad
Faridabad	

Haryana

Sonapat

Panchkula

Panipat

Gurugram

Himachal Pradesh

Kangra

UT of J&K

Srinagar

Jammu

Karnataka

Bangalore

Chikkaballapura

Mysore

Kodagu

Kalaburgi

Alappuzha

Ernakulam

Iduki

Kannur

Kerala

Kasargod

Kottayam

Mallapuram

Pathanamthitta

Thiruvananthapuram

22/03/2020

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