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MISSION

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) is the national professional body of pharmacists engaged in various facets of the profession of pharmacy. The IPA is committed to promote the highest professional and ethical standards of pharmacy, focus the image of pharmacists as competent healthcare professionals, sensitize the community, government and others on vital professional issues and support pharmaceutical education and sciences in all aspects

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Sub- Expressing support to the draft rules to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945

Ref: Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II- Section 3- Sub - section (i), No. 890 dated December 28, 2016.

Sir,

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) is a 75 year old premier organization representing pharmaceutical professionals. It is registered as a Charitable Trust with an objective to promote the science and art of pharmacy in all aspects and impart suitable education and training to professionals working in all facets of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences. IPA with a member base of over 13,000 spread across the length and breadth of the nation, operates through 20 State and more than 46 local branches. IPA has five major divisions representing Industrial Pharmacy, Regulatory affairs, Education, Clinical Pharmacy and Hospital Pharmacy. The student's forum of IPA is a part of IPA Education division. As a member of the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), IPA is actively involved in advising the Government of India on matters of Drug Regulation and Drug Industry. IPA is partner for public health activities in Central Government's Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP). IPA is also engaged in healthcare activities in collaboration with some international organisations such as International Pharmaceutical Federation, World Health Organisation, Commonwealth Pharmacists' Association and World Health professions Alliance.

With reference to the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II- Section 3- Sub - section (i), No. 890 dated December 28, 2016, we take this opportunity to appreciate and support the amendment which is as follows:

In the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, in rule 64, in sub-rule (2), in the second proviso, for clause (ii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:- "(ii) in the charge of a competent person who is a registered pharmacist: Provided that the person already registered with the state Licensing Authority as competent person for the purposes of grant of license in Form 20B or Form 21 B or both prior to the coming into force of the Drugs and Cosmetics (.....Amendment) Rules, 2016, shall continue to be considered as a competent person for the said purposes."

This will certainly ensure proper handling, storage, preservation and quality assurance of all medicines and medical devices under the supervision of the registered pharmacists and will help protect the public health.

We request you to move forward with this amendment to the D and C Rules.

Best regards,

Kaushik Desai
Hon. Gen. Secretary

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