



# The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA)

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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. Representation seeking redressal against injustice to the B. Pharm graduates for non-inclusion of Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) as a qualification for recruitment as a Food Safety Officer & Food Analyst under Food Safety and Standards Rules 2011**

Honourable Sir,

Let me take this opportunity to introduce our organization, the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), which is a premier professional organization 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 the pharmacy profession. IPA is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee this year.

As a member of the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), IPA is actively involved in advising the government on matters of Drug regulation and drug Industry. IPA is actively involved in healthcare activities in collaboration with international organizations like-WHO, PMNCH & FIP.

This is to draw your kind notice that Rule 2.1.3 of Food Safety and Standards Rules 2011 prescribed that "Food Safety Officer shall be a whole time officer and shall, on the date on which he is so appointed, possess the following:

1. a degree in Food Technology or Dairy Technology or Biotechnology or Oil Technology or Agricultural Science or Veterinary Sciences or Bio-Chemistry or Microbiology or Masters Degree in Chemistry or degree in medicine from a recognized University, or
2. any other equivalent/recognized qualification notified by the Central Government, and
3. has successfully completed training as specified by the Food Authority in a recognized institute or Institution approved for the purpose."



And Rule 2.1.4 of Food Safety and Standards Rules 2011 prescribed that "A person shall not be qualified for appointment as Food Analyst under the Act unless she/he;

1. Holds a Master's degree in Chemistry or Biochemistry or microbiology or Dairy Chemistry or Food Technology, Food and Nutrition or holds Bachelor of Technology in Dairy/Oil or holds degree in Veterinary Sciences from a university established in India by law or is an associate of the Institution of Chemists (India) by examination in the section of Food Analysts conducted by the Institution of Chemists (India) or any other equivalent qualification recognized and notified by the Central government for such purposes and has not less than three years experience in the analysis of food; and
2. Has been declared qualified for appointment as a Food Analyst by a board appointed and notified by the Authority "

We are surprised that a host of personnel having various qualification in Science, Medicine, Agriculture, Biotechnology even Associate of the Institution of Chemists are qualified for the above post, but unfortunately Bachelor of Pharmacy has not found a place in it.

Sir, Bachelor of Pharmacy course curriculum and training is one of best suitable degrees for performing the duties of Food Safety Officers and Food Analysts. B.Pharm qualified personnel have already shown their competence in these areas in the past.

Therefore we would like to request you to include Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) as one of the qualifying subjects by amending Rule 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 of Food Safety and Standards Rules 2011.

Thanking you in anticipation and with best regards.

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Secretary General, IPA

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