



The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA)

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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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President

Rao V. S. V. Vadlamudi

To,

Principal Secretary - Health Medical and Family Welfare of all States

Drug Controller of all states

Immediate

Past President

J. A. S. Giri

Sub: Request for speedy implementation of Pharmacy Practice Regulations' 2015 in the interest of Public health.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) is a 77-year old association of pharmaceutical professionals, which 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 the area of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences. As a member of the Drug Technical advisory Board (DTAB), IPA is actively involved in healthcare activities in collaboration with international organizations like WHO, WHPA, FIP and FAPA.

We wish to draw your kind attention to the various issues related to the profession of pharmacy. Like the other healthcare professions, this profession of pharmacy is also regulated. The two regulations: The Pharmacy Act 1948; and The Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 and Rules 1945 govern various aspects of the profession. Section 42 of the Pharmacy Act prohibits dispensing of medicines by anyone other than a registered pharmacist. Rule 65 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules requires the engagement of a registered pharmacist as a condition for issuing retail sale license. Recently the Pharmacy Practice Regulation 2015 is enacted by the Government of India widening the scope/role of pharmacists and pharmaceutical services including pharmaceutical care at institutions and community healthcare practice. These regulations are not just to protect the profession of pharmacy but are enacted to improve healthcare scenario in the interest of the public health.

Even though regulations are in place, they are not implemented in letter and spirit; and the public are denied of pharmaceutical care services. With this background, we appeal to you to consider strict implementation of the above regulations to:

- Ensure ethical standard in Pharmacy Practice;
- Ensure the presence and services of registered pharmacist(s) in retail sale units (pharmacy);

Hon. Gen. Secretary

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