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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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Ref. Our earlier representations vide reference No. IPA/110/164 dated 25th August 2014.

Sub. Reminder to our above-referred representation seeking redress against injustice to the B. Pharm graduates by 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.

Greetings for the New Year!

Respected 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 and International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP).

This is to bring to your kind notice that Rule 2.1.3 of the 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:

- 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
- Any other equivalent/recognized qualification notified by the Central Government, and
- 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:



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- i. 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
- ii. 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 qualifications in Science, Medicine, Agriculture, Biotechnology and even Associate of the Institution of Chemists are qualified for the above post, but unfortunately the qualification, Bachelor of Pharmacy has not found a place in it.

Also on going through the nature of jobs as specified for both the posts in the Rule, it is noted that B.Pharm. qualified persons are the best suited for these posts due to the subjects in the curriculum of their 4 years education, by which they develop adequate specialized skills to perform the nature of jobs as specified for both the posts. It may be noted that in the B.Pharm. curriculum, there are so many related subjects i.e. Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Technology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Pharmaceutical Analysis, Instrumental analysis, Pharmaceutical engineering, Pharmacology, Toxicology, etc. which cover the total aspects of the specified jobs for these two posts. Also the processing of manufacture of food items, their packaging and analysis are more or less similar to drugs & Pharmaceuticals.

Hence, Bachelor of Pharmacy course by virtue of its curricular content and training becomes one of best-suited qualifications for performing the duties of Food Safety Officers and Food Analysts. B.Pharm. qualified personnel have showed their competence in these areas in the past.

Therefore, the injustice meted out to the Pharmacy Graduates can be redressed by including Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) and Master of Pharmacy (M. Pharm.) as one of the qualifications by amending Rule 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 of Food Safety and Standards Rules 2011.

Sir, though four months have elapsed since our first representation, we have not received any response till date from the ministry. Therefore we would like to request you to give us an appointment so that we can apprise you the matter in person.

Thanking you in anticipation and with best regards.

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Hon. Gen. Secretary, IPA

Encl: Our earlier representation vide reference No. IPA/110/164 dated 25th August 2014 for your ready reference

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