



# 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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Ref. : Govt. order dtd. 27.08.2021.

Subject: Inclusion of representative from Indian Pharmaceutical Association in the committee to frame a "New Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Act".

Dear Sir,

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) is an 80-year old association of pharmacy professionals in India ([www.ipapharma.org](http://www.ipapharma.org)) with a member base of over 15,000, spread across the nation operating through 22 state branches and more than 55 local branches. IPA is a non-profit making organization registered as a charitable trust with a constitution and functions on democratic principles. IPA's main objective is to position the pharmacist as one of the important healthcare professionals of India. As a member of the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), India, IPA is actively involved in advising the government on matters of drug regulation and those that are important to the pharmacy profession. IPA is affiliated to international associations like FIP, FAPA, CPA, AAPS, SEARPharm Forum and WHO for carrying out various collaborative professional activities, which include organizing training programmes for pharmacy professionals from industry, academics, regulatory and practice, making representations to the authorities on matters of professional interest and constantly working towards upgrading the standards of professional services offered by the pharmacists.

We understand that the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India is contemplating to frame a "New Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Act" and has constituted an 8-member Committee with a provision of co-opting Members in the said Committee.

The IPA has a separate Division of "Regulatory Affairs" to look into the drug regulatory matters of India and abroad, which are applicable to our countrymen in general and to our members in particular. Besides, we have Members working in all fields where the Act is applicable, and we are able to take valuable inputs from them. We thus feel that we can contribute in the framing of the new Act.

Therefore, we would like to request you to Co-opt one of our representatives in this Committee. We hope that you will consider our appeal positively for framing a judicious and robust "New Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Act" for providing quality and safe healthcare to the nation.

With best regards.

Suresh Khanna  
National Hon. Gen. Secretary