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**Subject: Monthly Summary Report in respect of Department of Pharmaceuticals for the month of August, 2020-reg.**

The under signed is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Monthly Summary pertaining to the Department of Pharmaceuticals for the month of August, 2020 for information.



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**Department of Pharmaceuticals**  
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**Monthly Summary for the Month of August, 2020**

Important events for the Month of August, 2020 are as follows:

**A. IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS:**

(i) **Revised Guidelines on discontinuation:** Revised Guidelines regarding discontinuation of Scheduled Formulations under Para 21(2) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) were issued on 14th August 2020.

(ii) **Development and Implementation of Eco System for timely disposal and monitoring of various applications filed with NPPA:** The DoP envisages a fully automated Eco System for timely attending to, disposing of and monitoring of applications filed under various provisions of the DPCO, 2013 to promote the Ease of Doing Business for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. While the same is under process, an online time-bound system for addressing applications received under various provisions of the DPCO, 2013 from Pharmaceutical Companies was launched on 26th August 2020.

(iii) Price Notification of Orthopaedic Knee Implants for Knee replacement system issued under Para 19 of the DPCO, 2013 is further extended for one month (i.e., upto 15th September, 2020) vide S.O. No. 2768(E) dated 14th August, 2020.

**(B) MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:**

(i) Retail prices of 30 new medicines have been fixed during August, 2020 bringing cumulative figure to 1391 till August, 2020.

(ii) As per Consumer Awareness, Publicity and Price Monitoring (CAPP) Scheme, one Price Monitoring and Resource Unit (PMRU) in the State of Karnataka was set-up in August, 2020. This increasing the number of PMRUs to 14 i.e. Kerala, Gujarat, Odisha, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Tripura, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Mizoram, Jammu and Kashmir, Telangana and Karnataka.

**(iii) NPPA COVID-19 Control Room Activities:**

A Control Room was set up in the NPPA with Helpline No. 1800111255 and e-mail monitoring-nppa@gov.in on 20th March 2020 to respond to queries and complaints relating to COVID-19. Five officials/ officers have been deputed to attend the calls, 24 hours 7 days a week. The issues raised are addressed and resolved, solutions are provided and forwarded to concerned authorities for redress and followed up for final resolution.

State Drug Controllers have been identified as Nodal Officers and have been directed to liaise with the District/ State authorities for ensuring resolution at ground level of the complaints received in the Control Room.

(iv) Total overcharged amount received during August, 2020 is Rs. 120.84 Lakh.

(v) 72 Jan Aushadhi Kendras under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) were opened during **August, 2020** across the country.

(vi) The details of grievances during the August, 2020 are as under:

No. of grievances at the start of the month	No. of grievances received	No. of grievances disposed	No. of grievances pending at end of the month
53	104	108	49

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