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## **Public Notice**

Drug addiction is becoming a challenge in our societies as it has the potential to compromise mental health & soundness of mind among the effected population. Adolescents are becoming soft targets due to peer pressure exercised by unscrupulous elements engaged in promoting the menace.

The department has always remained averse and intolerant towards bad elements existing in pharma trade who have dared to indulge in unfair trade practices in the sphere of manufacture /distribution and sale of intoxicating drugs. Initially, the approach of the department was to introduce reforms and enforce the same in a holistic manner.

Despite the above initiatives, the enforcement staff of the department is continuously reporting indulgence of select pharma dealers in violation of the conditions of licences particularly with respect to sale of habit forming drugs.

Keeping in view the negative / catastrophic impact which unregulated supply of habit forming pharmaceutical preparations may cause, it has become imperative to adopt a stringent approach to address the issue of drug menace.

Accordingly, the department has decided to adopt a zero tolerance approach to deal with matters related to breaches of the provisions of Drugs Act particularly in context with sale of Narcotic & Psychotropics substances. The highlights (mentioned below) of the policy are brought to the notices of stakeholders:

- 1. All medical establishments shall install Full HD CCTV cameras with 1080p resolution and having adequate data storage capacity for atleast 6 months.
- 2. The purchase and sale record of all pharmaceutical preparations shall be fully computerized and record of sale & purchase be kept ready for verification by the inspecting authority during the course of inspection.
- **3.** The sale in the pharmacies shall be conducted under the supervision of a Registered Pharmacist only.
- **4.** The sale of such preparations (Alprazolam OSD, Tramadol OSD, Tramadol inj., Codeine, Tapentadol, Diazepam OSD, Diazepam inj., clonazepam OSD, Phenobarbital OSD, Pentazocin Inj., Ketamine inj., Nitrazepam OSD, Nitrazepam Inj. & allied preparations) in

any generic or branded generic or branded form, single ingredient or Fixed Dose Combinations shall be recorded & copy of prescription against which the sale is executed shall be preserved in a file maintained for the purpose. The prescriptions original / copy should bear a stamp indicating the date of dispensing.

Any person who indulges in sale of habit forming / intoxicating drug in violation to the conditions of the licences shall invite cancellation of licence as also cancellation of Pharmacy Registration Certificate granted by the Competent Authority.

It may be noted that particulars of such firms / persons shall also be publicized though print media under an intimation to the District Administration concerned & local police station of the accused person / firm.

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