

**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER DRUG & FOOD CONTROL ORGANIZATION
PATOLI MANGOTRIAN J&K (JAMMU)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

In order to promote licit use of certain medical Preparations Schedule H, H1 and X was incorporated in the current Drug Regulation to strictly regulate the availability of drugs falling therein. The main aim of above Government of India's initiative was to curb the increasing incidence of antibiotic resistance including the emergence of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB), Extensively drug resistant TB (XDR-TB). Concerns have also been raised from time to time regarding sale of medicines without prescription particularly antibiotics and anti Psychiatric.

It has come to the notice of this office that antibiotics continue to be sold without any prescription. Such practices can have alarming consequences & therefore such practices need to be stopped in the larger interest of patient care.

The Drugs Supply Chain System in the State is advised to strictly follow the requirements of Schedule H, H1 and X for sale of medicines, which are appended below:

1. **Schedule H** : if it contains a substance specified in Schedule H be labeled with the symbol Rx and conspicuously displayed on the left top corner of the label and also be labeled with the following words-

Schedule H drug-Warning: To be sold by retail on the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner only.

2. **Schedule H 1**: if it contains a substance specified in Schedule H1, the drug formulation shall be labeled with the symbol Rx which shall be red and conspicuously displayed on the left top corner of the label, and also be labeled with the following words in a box with a red border-

Schedule H1 Drug-Warning:

- It is dangerous to take the preparation except in accordance with the medical advice.
- Not to be sold by retail without the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

3. **Schedule X**: if it contains a substance specified in schedule X, be labeled with the symbol XRx which shall be in red and conspicuously displayed on the left top corner of the label and also be labeled with the following words-

Schedule X drug-Warning: To be sold by retail on the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner only.

The department contemplates to initiate very strict action against offenders indulging in sale of medicines falling under Schedule H, H1 and X without valid prescription of Health Practitioners.

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