

मिसिल स.- 8(85)/2021/डी.पी/एनपीपीए-डीवी-II
F. No. 8(85)/2021/DP/NPPA-Div. II

कार्यवाही स. : 217/85/2021/F
Proceeding No: 217/85/2021/F

Minutes of the 217th (overall) and 85th meeting of the Authority under DPCO, 2013 held on 23.03.2021 by circulation

The 217th meeting of the Authority (overall), which is the 85th meeting under the DPCO, 2013, was held on 23rd of March 2021 by circulation under the Chairmanship of Ms. Shubhra Singh, Chairman, NPPA. The Authority members of the NPPA provided their comments by circulation:

- (i) Dr. Vinod Kotwal, Member Secretary, NPPA
- (ii) Shri A. K. Saha, Adviser (Cost), O/o Chief Adviser (Cost), Department of Expenditure
- (iii) Ms. A. Srija, Economic Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs
- (iv) Dr. V. G. Somani, DCG(I), CDSCO, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

II. Agenda items

1. Agenda item no. 1 - Confirmation of the Minutes of the 84th meeting held on 10.03.2021.

1.1 The Authority confirmed the minutes without any change.

2. Agenda item no. 2 - Price fixation of Medical Oxygen

2.1 The Authority noted that the price fixed for Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) and Oxygen Inhalation (Medicinal gas) vide SO. 3322(E) dated 25.09.2020 is applicable up to 31.03.2021.

2.2 The Authority further noted that an Inter-ministerial meeting was held on the issue of medical oxygen in which Drug Controller General (India) and the representative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India stressed that the requirement of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) and Oxygen Inhalation (Medicinal gas) is still persisting to cope with the COVID 19 pandemic. In the meeting it was also decided that comments from Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, be obtained.

2.3 The Authority further noted that Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India vide its Office Memorandum dated 12.03.2021 stated as follows:

"... after examination of the recent increase in the number of confirmed COVID cases, it is recommended that NPPA order dated 25.09.2020 may be extended by another 6 months, after which the issue may be reviewed."

2.4 The Authority considered the matter and in view of continuing extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID pandemic decided that the revised price of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) and Oxygen Inhalation (Medicinal gas) fixed vide SO. 3322(E) dated 25.09.2020 be extended up to 30.09.2021 or until further order, whichever is earlier, in public interest.

Sd/-
(Dr. Vinod Kotwal)
Member Secretary