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AFFORDABLE MEDICINES FOR ALL

भारत सरकार  
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Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers  
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National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

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Dear State Drug Controller,

The increase in number of COVID cases in the country has resulted in surge of demand for medical oxygen. The Government is committed to ensure uninterrupted supply of medical oxygen. Many of the States/UTs are dependent on the medical oxygen supply from other States/UTs. Hence, its uninterrupted availability is of utmost importance.

2. Cases of shortage, black-marketing and hoarding have been reported in the media. Medical oxygen (inhalation) is a Scheduled Drug under DPCO 13. It is directed to ensure a strict vigil on the situation and undertake strong action under the provisions of Drug and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to prevent black-marketing and hoarding of the drug. Action taken in case of black-marketing, hoarding and profiteering may be intimated to this office immediately.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Shubhra Singh)

To,

**State Drug Controllers**

(As per list)