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The Commissioner,
Central Bureau of Narcotics,
19, The Mall, Morar,
Gwalior – 474006, M.P.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Import of precursor chemicals and controlled substances

We thank you for organizing an interactive meet on 15th September 2013 with the trade and industry stakeholders for discussions on the precursor chemicals and controlled substances such as Acetic anhydride, Ephedrine and Pseudo ephedrine.

As presented during the interactive meeting, industry has been taking necessary steps to curb diversion of controlled substances from licit to illicit channels. To attain better control over the supply chain and more effective monitoring, the number of customers serviced by the industry has been reduced dramatically. This is to ensure that controlled substances are used only for licit purposes. As a result, an artificial shortage is being perpetrated by the trade leading to unnecessary imports of these precursors and controlled substances.

Sir, India is a net exporter of key controlled substances and the only reason for restricting the sale for genuine purposes is to control potential diversion from licit to illicit channels in domestic market and assist authorities in curbing the menace of diversion. These controls would be negated if trade is allowed to import these chemicals. We, therefore, submit that import of precursor chemicals and controlled substances in Schedule A and C should not be allowed by Central Bureau of Narcotics which contradicts the very purpose of exercising controls on precursor chemicals and controlled substances in the domestic market. We request that a directive to this effect may be issued immediately and also be given to DCGI, for necessary action.

We request you to take necessary action in this regard, at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Daara B Patel
Secretary-General

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