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By Email/Courier

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Dear Dr Jagashetty,

Shortage of Essential Medicines

We wish to bring to your kind attention potential shortage of essential medicines in the State of Karnataka. Our apprehension is based on the lack of orders from the trade for essential medicines. Many of our Members have reported that the wholesalers and the retailers in the State have stopped buying essential medicines.

As you may be aware, the Union Government has brought all products in the National List of Medicines (NLEM) 2011 under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO) 2013. However, the wholesalers and retailers have stopped purchases of the NLEM Products citing various issues, including the margin specified under Para 7 of DPCO 2013.

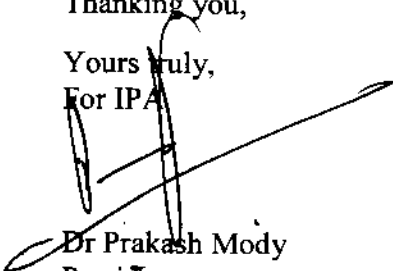
A similar problem was faced in the States of Maharashtra and Kerala, but the timely action by the State FDAs ensured the resumption of purchases and prevented shortages of essential medicines.

We are concerned about the potential shortages of essential medicines and hence this letter. You may like to check availability of essential medicines in the State and take necessary steps to ensure their uninterrupted supply to consumers.


We will be happy to call on you, if so required.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
For IPA


Dr Prakash Mody
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