

T-11011/11/2021-DCC
भारत सरकार/ Government of India
आयुष मंत्रालय/ Ministry of Ayush

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East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023.
Dated: 7th August, 2024

ORDER

Whereas to address the illegal selling of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani (ASU) drugs containing *Bhang* (*Cannabis Sativa*), Ministry of Ayush has constituted an Inter-Ministerial coordination committee under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Service, vide O.M. no. T-11011/11/2021-DCC-Part(1) dated 04.04.2024. **(Annexure-I)**

Whereas the aforementioned Inter-Ministerial coordination committee in its meeting held on 08.05.2024, had recommended Ministry of Ayush to explore the possibility of keeping licensing power with the Central Government in respect of drugs like *Bhanga* (*Cannabis Sativa*) and *Ahipena* (*Papaver somniferum*) for larger public interest.

Therefore, in order to supervise and ensure uniform enforcement of the provisions related to Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani (ASU) drugs containing *Bhanga/Ganja/Charas/Bhang* (except seed) (*Cannabis sativa*) and *Ahipena/Abini/Afiyun* (except seed) (*Papaver somniferum*) mentioned under Schedule E (I) of Drugs Rules, 1945 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 33P of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, all States/ UTs Licensing Authorities are hereby directed to forward -

(i) all the details (including copy of application and relevant documents) of existing drug licenses granted to Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani (ASU) drugs under section 3(a) and 3(h) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, containing *Bhanga/ Ganja/ Charas/ Bhang* (except seed)(*Cannabis sativa*) and *Ahipena/Abini/Afiyun* (except seed) (*Papaver somniferum*) to Ministry of Ayush, Government of India for review.

(ii) all new applications pending for approval of ASU drugs/ formulations under section 3(a) and 3(h) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, containing *Bhanga/Ganja/Charas/Bhang* (except seed) (*Cannabis sativa*) and *Ahipena/Abini/ Afiyun* (except seed) (*Papaver somniferum*) along with copy of applications and relevant documents to Ministry of Ayush, Government of India for clearance.

State/UT Licensing Authority shall grant the license to manufacture for sale of any ASU drug/ formulation under section 3(a) and 3(h) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, containing *Bhanga/ Ganja/ Charas/ Bhang* (except seed) (*Cannabis sativa*) and *Ahipena/Abini/Afiyun* (except seed) (*Papaver somniferum*) as an ingredient, only after obtaining clearance from the Central Government.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl. As above

Yours faithfully,

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To,

- 1. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Health/Ayush) of all states/UTs**
- 2. State Licensing Authorities/Drugs Controllers of Ayush**