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Sub: Request for Immediate filling of 303 vacant posts of Drugs Inspector in CDSCO.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), the oldest national professional body of pharmacists engaged in various facets of the pharmacy profession. The IPA is committed to promoting the highest professional and ethical standards of pharmacy, focusing on the image of pharmacists as competent healthcare professionals, sensitising the community, government and others on vital professional issues and supporting pharmaceutical education and sciences.

Presently, due to a huge shortage of manpower in CDSCO, regulation in pharma manufacturing, distribution, and sale are inadequate. We all are alarmed by the unfortunate rising number of cases of spurious and NSQ drugs. The appearance of such incidences so commonly is a matter of serious concern.

The role of Drugs Inspectors is pivotal in safeguarding public health, ensuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of pharmaceuticals, and enforcing the regulations that govern the manufacturing, sale and distribution of medicines. The absence of sufficient qualified personnel in these positions not only compromises the monitoring and regulation of the pharmaceutical industry but also increases the risk of spurious or substandard medicines entering and circulating in the market. We know these can have profound implications for public health.

Furthermore, the growing demand for medical supplies and an expanding pharmaceutical market put additional pressure on the existing staff. This makes it increasingly difficult to carry out inspections and regulatory duties effectively. The lack of adequate personnel could result in delayed responses to public health concerns, reduced oversight of pharmaceutical practices, and a diminished ability to enforce compliance with industry standards.



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In light of these concerns, we respectfully urge your department to prioritise and smoothly carry forward the recruitment process for 303 posts of drug inspectors.

Timely action in this matter will strengthen the regulatory framework and ensure that the pharmaceutical sector remains accountable, transparent, and focused on the public's welfare. We trust that you will consider this matter with the seriousness it warrants and direct the concerned department to recruit 303 vacant posts of Drugs Inspector on an urgent basis.

Thanking You,
Yours faithfully,

Dr. Subhash C. Mandal
National Honorary General Secretary