

F.No. 12(37)/2020/DP/NPPA/Div.II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers  
Department of Pharmaceuticals  
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

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1, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.


Dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**ORDER**

In exercise of clause (l) of sub-section (2) of section 10 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, vide Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Order No. X.11035/136/2020-DR dated 13.03.2020, all State /UTs Government and concerned States Authorities are hereby directed, in public interest, in order to deal with the situation arising out of COVID-19, to take necessary steps to ensure sufficient availability of Surgical and protective masks, Hand sanitizers and Gloves at prices not exceeding the maximum retail price (MRP) printed on the pack size.

Further, it is also directed in adherence to Notification issued under F.No. 26(1)/2020-ECR&E, dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution under which masks (2ply & 3ply surgical masks, N95 masks) & hand sanitizers have been declared as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, to ensure prevention of hoarding, black marketing and profiteering of these items. Strong action under relevant laws/rules may be taken in such instances under intimation to this office.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

  
13/03/2020  
(Shiv Shankar Ojha)  
Director (Pricing)

The Chief Secretary,  
All State Government and UTs