



**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Health & Family Welfare**  
**Swasthya Bhawan**  
**GN-29, Sector – V, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091**

No. 76-Secy(HFW)/2025

Date 06/03/2025

**ORDER**

It is a matter of concern of this Department that a number of drugs are not passing standard quality tests which are carried out by CDSCO in routine manner. It is observed in the list of Non Standard Quality (NSQ) drugs, which is published in routine bulletin every month by CDSCO after collating information from different states.

All concerns are hereby directed to take the following measures to ensure preventing use of such NSQ drugs and consumption by the general people.

1. Directorate of Drugs Control, West Bengal, shall circulate the notification issued by CDSCO to the central procurement system, different government health facilities, wholesale distributors and drug inspectors, to find out whether the NSQ batches are in circulation and to ensure its withdrawal.
2. Central Medical Store shall immediately withdraw such NSQ batches from the circulation, if found in their system.
3. Central Medical Store shall immediately communicate with the Head of Government Health Facilities including in Districts, Subdivisions and Blocks and shall ask them to immediately stop use of any of the NSQ batches and to display the NSQ list at the stores every month.
4. The withdrawal of NSQ drugs from different health units shall be ensured by the head of the respective Health Facilities.
5. State Drugs Control Authority shall ask the wholesalers and retailers to immediately stop sale/use of any of the NSQ batches and also to display the NSQ list at the stores every month.
6. Officials from Directorate of Drugs Control, West Bengal, shall do random inspections at different stores to identify any of the NSQ batches present in circulation and if found, actions will be initiated against the licensee.
7. State Drugs Control Authority shall initiate regulatory actions as per norms against the Manufacturer if it is located in the state of West Bengal.

  
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8. Directorate of Drugs Control, West Bengal shall share the List of such drugs along with advisory in Health Department website for better information dissemination.
9. Non-Compliance of display or non-stoppage of sale, if found at any facility/shop, regulatory action will be initiated by Drugs Control Authorities.
10. Health Department / State Drug Controller shall issue suitable advisory for general public as would be necessary on use of standard quality drugs as substitutes/ alternates of NSQ drugs to avoid any misinformation.
11. Regular surprise inspection of retail shops by Drug Inspectors will be done across the State to find out violations, if any.
12. State Drugs Control Authority shall ensure to put in place a mechanism to create awareness of safe drugs among public.

This order is in public interest and shall take immediate effect.

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Principal Secretary  
Health & Family Welfare Department  
Government of West Bengal

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1. The Director of Health Service, West Bengal.
2. The Director of Medical Education, West Bengal.
3. The Secretary (D&E), H&FW Dept and MD NHM.
4. The OSD & Ex Officio Special Secretary, MERT, H&FW Dept.
5. The Special Secretary, H&FW Dept and Director of Drug Control, West Bengal.
6. Principal/MSVP \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Colleges & Hospital.
7. District Magistrate(All)\_\_\_\_\_.
8. CMOH \_\_\_\_\_ District.
9. The Deputy Director Health Service (E&S), CMS.
10. Sr. PS to the Chief Secretary, West Bengal.

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