No. 31015/12/2014-PI.I GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

B Wing, Janpath Bhavan, New Delhi

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Subject: Review application of M/s Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. against fixation of ceiling prices of Famotidine Tablet 20mg vide NPPA notification S.O. No.1016(E) dated 2.4.2014 issued under Drugs (Prices) Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013).

Whereas Government of India, vide price fixation Order S.O. No.1016(E) dated 2.4.2014 fixed ceiling price of scheduled medicines Famotidine Tablet 20mg under DPCO, 2013.

2. And whereas aggrieved by the above notification M/s. Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.(hereinafter referred to as the Petitioner) had represented to the reviewing authority against the said price fixation. Personal hearing was granted to the Petitioner by the Department of Pharmaceuticals on 18.7.2014. The Petitioner was represented by Shri Vishal Maheshwari, Director (Finance) and Shri S.M. Kanwar, Director. On behalf of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) Shri Naresh Arya, Deputy. Director attended the hearing.

3. The issues involved in the review application have been examined based on the record note of discussions of the personal hearing, other documents on record and the Government has decided as under:

"NPPA is directed to revalidate the data of the Petitioner as empowered under para 9 of DPCO, 2013. Whether Gelatin coated tablets are technologically different and deserve a different ceiling price the matter may be referred to Standing Technical Committee for advice. The Petitioner in the meantime is directed to maintain the ceiling price already notified by NPPA.

Issued on this date 5th August, 2014.

(Roshan Lal) Under Secretary to the Govt. of India For and on behalf of the President of India

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