

**SPEED POST**

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Department of Pharmaceuticals

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To

IDMA/BDMA/OPPI/IPA/FICCI/SPIC/CIPI/FOPE and all the other stakeholders.

**Subject:** Inter-Ministerial Committee on Prices of Patented Drugs.

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Sir,

I am directed to say that the Department of Pharmaceuticals had constituted a Committee to suggest a method of reference pricing/price negotiations/differential pricing etc. that could be applied for pricing of patented medicines and medical devices before their marketing approval in India. After elaborate interactions with various stakeholders, ongoing through various related papers and articles, the Committee submitted its report on price negotiation for patented drugs. The report was put in public domain i.e. the Department of Pharmaceuticals' website for comments of various stakeholders before taking a decision on the report.

2. However, in light of the diverse opinion of different stakeholders received on the report, an inter-ministerial Committee of Joint Secretaries has been formed to look into the issues and suggest way and means to fix the prices of patented drugs in the country. The constitution of the Committee is as under:

Joint Secretary(DoP)/JS(SK)	:	Chairman
Joint Secretary (DIPP)	:	Member
Joint Secretary (MH&FW)	:	Member
Member Secretary (NPPA)	:	Member
Director(DoP)/Director(BKS)	:	Convener

3. You are requested to provide additional/revised comments if any by 25.02.2014 positively to enable the Committee to examine the issue in a fresh prospective. The Associations, if they so desire, can also make Presentation before the Committee. The comments could also be sent by e-mail at yogeshwar.sharma@nic.in.

Yours faithfully,

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- (i) Ms. Bhavna Aggarwal with the request to upload the same to DoP's website
- (ii) Shri V.K. Tyagi, DIA for information and necessary action.

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