No. 31015/73/2013-PI.I GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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B Wing, Janpath Bhavan, New Delhi

ORDER

Subject: Review application of M/s Lifestar Pharma Pvt. Limited under para 31 of DPCO 2013 against NPPA Notification NO. S.O.2859(E) dated 20.9.2013 fixing ceiling price of Scheduled medicine Calamine Lotion.

Whereas Government of India, vide price fixation Order S.O. NO. 2859(E) dated 20.9.2013 fixed ceiling price of scheduled medicine Calamine Lotion under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013).

- 2. And whereas aggrieved by the above notification M/s. Lifestar Pharma Pvt. Limited (hereinafter referred to as the petitioners) had represented to the reviewing authority against the said price fixation. Personal hearing was granted to the Petitioners by the Department of Pharmaceuticals on 25.11.2013. The Petitioners were represented by S/Shri Sanjay Kaul, AVP, Satender Singh, GPM and Vikramjit Banerjee, Advocate. On behalf of the NPPA Shri S.K. Bhatt, Deputy Director (Tech) attended the hearing. Shri V.K. Tyagi, Dy. Industrial Adviser, D/o Pharmaceuticals was also present during the hearing as a technical expert.
- 3. The issues involved in the review application have been examined based on the record of note of discussions of the personal hearing, other documents on record and the Government has decided as under:

"The review application of the company is rejected on the ground that DPCO does not distinguish between prices based on different excipients. Considering the inadequacy of the data collected by NPPA through IMS, NPPA is directed to revalidate the data by collecting information using their website and all other known sources as para 9 itself provides for such revalidation. Till that time ceiling prices of calamine lotion notified by NPPA to be adhered by all as per proviso to para 31 of DPCO 2013."

Issued on this date 5th March, 2014.

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

To

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 Phase-3, New Delhi-20
- The Member Secretary, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, YMCA Cultural Centre Building, New Delhi-110001

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- 1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information.
- 2. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Pharma), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information.
- 3. The Chairman, NPPA, YMCA Cultural Centre Building, New Delhi for information