

MANUAL IV

THE NORMS SET BY IT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS

The organization of the chief Controller of Factories is responsible for the licit trade of opium and its alkaloids for the use of Pharmaceutical units.

In order to ensure smooth functioning of the organization, besides being governed by various laws and Government of India's instructions, following norms have been laid down:

1. Area to be brought under cultivation and the requirement of opium is gauged in a high level meeting on opium policy by the Ministry.
2. Based upon the decision taken in the opium policy, license to cultivate opium is issued to the eligible cultivators by the Narcotics Commissioner of India.
3. Opium is received at Factory as per the schedule fixed by the Narcotics Commissioner of India / Deputy Narcotics Commissioners
4. Demand for opium based alkaloids is projected by the Drug Controller of India and based upon license and allocation issued by the Drug Controller of India; supply is made by the Office of the Chief Controller of Factories, Marketing and Finance cell New Delhi.
5. The Export of Opium, powder, cake is monitored by the Office of the Chief Controller of Factories, Marketing and Finance cell at Delhi and is based upon the contractual agreements arrived between the Government of India and concerned buying country.
6. The export price of opium as well as the selling price of alkaloids are fixed by the Ministry depending upon various factors.
7. The production of alkaloids from opium is undertaken in the factories on the basis of targets fixed by the Committee of Management looking at all the limiting factors of production.
8. In order to bridge the gap between domestic demand and supply, if any, import of alkaloids is resorted to. This import is undertaken by the Office of the Chief Controller of Factories, Marketing and Finance cell at Delhi, in accordance with the directions of the Ministry.
9. Excise opium is also sold to the State Excise Commissioners for addicts' consumption, as per the demand from respective states.
10. Opium and other alkaloids and psychotropic substances are also supplied to the various R&D wings and forensic labs of the Government for research and scientific purposes in accordance with the Law in this behalf and the guidelines issued by the Ministry.