To, April 6, 2015

Central Public Information Officer,

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| Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, |
| Directorate General of Health Services, |
| Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, |
| Government of India, |
| FDA Bhavan, ITO, Kotla Road,  New Delhi -110002 |

Dear Sir,

**SUB: Bans by Health Canada on products from Apotex India and IPCA**

You are requested to please consider this as an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 and respond appropriately to the following queries with the relevant information and photocopies of the relevant documents.

1. On October 1, 2014 the Economic Times published a news report titled ‘Health Canada issues import ban on Apotex India, IPCA’. A copy of the news report is attached herewith. Please provide the applicant with the following information pertaining to the contents of the news-report:

(a) Did the CDSCO communicate with Health Canada on the import bans that it had imposed on products manufactured by Apotex Pharmachem India Pvt Ltd (APIPL), Apotex Research Pvt Ltd (ARPL) and IPCA Laboratories in India?

(b) Did the CDSCO or its subsidiary regulators in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh conduct an inspection of the manufacturing facilities of Apotex Pharmachem India Pvt Ltd (APIPL), Apotex Research Pvt Ltd (ARPL) and IPCA Laboratories in India, which have been named by Health Canada? Please provide a photocopy of any inspection reports prepared on the basis of inspections conducted by the CDSCO or its subsidiary regulators, of the aforementioned facilities banned by Health Canada.

Further as provided under Section 6 (3) of the Right to Information Act, in case this application does not fall under your authority, I request you to transfer the same in the designated time (5 days) to the concerned authority and inform me of the same immediately. To the best of my knowledge the information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 and 9 of the Act and it pertains to your office. A fee of Rs. 10 (Rupees Ten Only) has been deposited in the name of the Pay and Accounts Officer, DGHS, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi via the attached Postal Order, towards covering the charges for the RTI Application.

Warm Regards,

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