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05<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Dear Anil,

Kindly refer to the consolidated guidelines on the lockdown measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the Country, as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs on 24.03.2020 and further modified on 25.03.2020, 27.03.2020, 02.04.2020 and 03.04.2020.

2. ***Vide the above guidelines, manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceutical, medical devices, their raw materials & intermediates and their packaging material have been permitted. Further vide my DO letter of even number dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020 detailed guidelines have been issued for smooth functioning of supply chain of exempted items involving inter-state movement of employees.***

3. However, it has been reported that a number of pharma units in Baddi in Himachal Pradesh are not able to be fully operational due to restrictions on movement of their inter-state labour from neighboring areas of Panchkula, Chandigarh and Mohali. As you are aware in the fight against COVID-19, our country is facing shortages of drugs and pharmaceuticals, and to overcome the shortages, all efforts are being made to augment the domestic supplies. In this situation it becomes very important to provide all necessary support to the manufacturing units of pharma units, while observing necessary safeguards laid down in the lockdown measures.

4. I would, therefore, request you to kindly ensure smooth movement of inter-state labour for pharma units of Baddi, in consultation with the neighboring states, by observing all necessary health protocols including maintaining social distancing.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Ajay Bhalla) 5/4/20

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