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The menace of Drug abuse is assuming an alarming situation and instances have been reported where the pharma fraternity has been found indulging in unethical trade practices particularly with respect to sale of pharmaceutical preparations which are intoxicating in nature. The department has already initiated several steps to ensure that habit forming drugs are sold by retail strictly as per legal provisions mandated under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act & Rules thereunder.

The above steps are, however, proving insufficient to check / curb the growing menace of drug abuse. In light of above, it has become imperative to adopt a more stringent approach for maintaining better regulatory check over the sale of intoxicating drugs.

All licensing authorities and inspecting officers are impressed upon to include below provisions in the existing checklist before grant of license(s) for retail / wholesale as also for subsequent renewals:

1. Mandatory installation of Full HD CCTV cameras with 1080p resolution and having adequate data storage capacity for at least 6 months within the respective premises.

2. All records of purchase and sale shall be maintained in a computerized manner (obtain invoices of computer & Printer at the time of grant / renewal of licence).

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Copy for Information to the:

- 1. Administrative Secretary to Government, Health & Medical Education, J&K Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu for favour of information.
- 2. Joint Drugs Controller, J&K for information. This takes reference to the decision taken in the meeting held on 02.09.2022.
- 3. Deputy Controller, Drugs & Food Control Organization, Jammu/Kashmir for information and necessary action.
- 4. Deputy Controller, (Intelligence cum Legal Cell) Drugs & Food Control Organization, Jammu / Kashmir for information.
- 5. All Licensing Authorities (Retail / wholesale) DFCO, J&K for information and necessary action.
- 6. Official Website, DFCO.