

MANUAL I

PARTICULARS OF THE ORGANISATION, ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

The organization

1. The organization of the Chief Controller of Factories was established in the year 1976, in order to have a better control and management over the two Government Opium and Alkaloid Works. Prior to this, the Narcotics Commissioner of India was the Head of this Organization with Deputy Narcotics Commissioner stationed at Kota (Rajasthan), Neemuch (Madhya Pradesh) and Ghazipur (Uttar Pradesh). The said Bureau controlled the cultivation of licit opium and was an enforcement agency to check the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. The Deputy Narcotics Commissioner, in addition to their own work was also looking after the Govt. Opium and Alkaloid factories. In the year 1976, the duties of the Narcotics Commissioner were split in order to improve the production of Opium and Alkaloid Works. The Chief Controller of Factories was appointed to control and supervise all functions of the factories. Likewise the responsibilities of the Deputy Narcotics Commissioner to run the opium factories ceased and the General Manager took over as Chief Executive in the factory reporting to the Chief Controller of the Factories.
2. The Head of the Organisation is the Chief Controller of Factories with its offices at Gwalior and New Delhi. The Marketing and Finance Cells of the Factories are located at 27 Saraswati House, Nehru Place, New Delhi New Delhi. The Chief Controller is responsible for exercising overall supervision on the functioning of the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works, as well as the Finance and Marketing cell at New Delhi. The two Factories – one located at Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh at a distance of 76 kms from Varanasi and the other at Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh located 120 kms away from Udaipur, comprise of two units, the Opium Factory and the Alkaloid Works. The opium factory undertakes the work of receipt of opium from the fields, its storage and processing for export. The alkaloid works are engaged in processing raw opium into alkaloids of pharmacopoeia grades to meet the domestic demand of the pharmaceutical industry. Both these Factories are Headed by the General Managers who in turn are under the supervisory control of the Chief Controller of Factories. The general Manager of the two Factories are assisted by other supervisory staff for executing its day to day functions.
3. The overall supervision of the organization is vested with the Committee of management under the chairmanship of the Additional Secretary (R), Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue

4. The Chief Controller has all the powers as Head of the Department under the Delegation of Financial Power Rules. He is also designated as Appellate Authority under the provisions of Rule 29 of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rules, 1985.
5. The Government Opium and Alkaloid Factories employ a total workforce of 1432 people at its two opium and alkaloid plants. The workforce comprises of officials and staff drawn from the Central Board of Excise and Customs, Central Bureau of Narcotics, Central Revenues Control Laboratory apart from personnel selected by the Union Public Service Commission directly. The security of the factories is assigned to the personnel deputed by Central Industrial Security Force. The Neemuch Factory has a staff-strength of 104 and the Ghazipur Factory of 123 CISF personnel. Both the factories are also having dedicated fire fighting wing of the C.I.S.F.
6. Both the factories and their functions are governed in accordance with the provisions contained in the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and Rules, 1985.
7. GOAW, GHAZIPUR This opium factory was established in the year 1820 at Ghazipur by the East India Company to process opium extracted from the poppy plant. Later, an alkaloid extraction unit was set up at Ghazipur in 1945. Following products are manufactured at GOAW, Ghazipur:
 - Codeine Phosphate.
 - Codeine Sulphate.
 - Morphine Salts.
 - Dionine I.P.
 - Nascopine B.P.
 - Cotarnine Chloride.
 - Morphine BPC.
 - Morphine Hydrochloride.
 - Thebaine Pure.
 - IMO Powder.
 - IMO Cake.
8. GOAW, NEEMUCH The Neemuch opium factory was set up in 1933 mainly for processing of opium collected from the growing areas in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. In the year 1976, an alkaloid plant was set up at Neemuch to augment the production capacity of opiate alkaloids. Following products are manufactured at GOAW, Neemuch :
 - Codeine Phosphate.
 - Thebaine Pure.
 - Morphine Sulphate.
 - Nascopine.

- Oxycodone hydrochloride.
- Dihydrocodeine Bi Tartarate.
- Hydrocodone Bi Tartarate.
- Pholcodine.

Functions and Duties:

1. The organization is primarily responsible for the licit trade of opium for pharmaceutical uses. Following are the primary functions and duties of the organization:
 - a.) Supply of opium as a narcotics raw material to the domestic as well as the international market and to maintain buffer stock so as to cater to any global exigencies.
 - b.) Supply of various narcotic alkaloids to the various pharmaceutical companies for production of various analgesics and other related drugs.
 - c.) Import of various narcotics drugs as per requirement of the domestic market.
 - d.) Supply of opium to the State Excise Authorities for de-addiction.
 - e.) Supply of opium & alkaloids to training & research institutes.
 - f.) Carry out research in the field of opiate alkaloids at its R&D wings.
2. The opium factories undertake the work of receipt of opium from the fields, its storage and processing for export. Besides this, it is also responsible for supply of opium in the domestic sector for use in Unani and Ayurveda School of medicines. In addition to this, it also supplies opium to the State Government for use in research and other related matters.
3. The alkaloid works are engaged in processing raw opium into alkaloids of pharmacopoeia grades, which are then supplied to various pharmaceutical units for preparation of bulk medicinal formulations.