IPA & FDA conducts workshop on Schedule H-1 Drugs implementation

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Goa State Branch in association and collaboration with the Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration, Government of Goa and Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Community Division organized a **one day workshop on the Schedule H-1 Drugs implementation for the Pharmacist and the Chemist /Medical Stores located in this State on Sunday, 30th March 2014** at the Goa College of Pharmacy auditorium, Panaji – Goa;

The said workshop program was addressed by the President, Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Goa State Branch and the Director, Food & Drugs Administration, shri Salim A Veljee and specific drugs regulatory compliance presentations on Schedule H-1 drugs and other Rule 65 drugs compliances were delivered by the two Deputy Directors of FDA namely Smt Jyoti J Sardessai and shri Rajendra R Naik and a total of around 160 Pharmacist representing their respective Chemists / Medical Stores from North Goa and South Goa participated at the said workshop which addressed the procedures and the various records maintenance necessary in the strict implementation of the new Schedule H-1 which has been made effective and operative with effect from 1st March 2014;

Address by Director, FDA & IPA President shri Salim A Veljee

Pharmacists at the workshop

The new Schedule H-1 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules 1945 which was introduced under the backdrop of various indiscriminate, inconsistent and irrational use of antibiotics, anti-TB drugs, which lead to large incidences / cases of patients being reported to be resistant to such drugs and the medical practitioners had resorte to higher generation of such antibiotics and anti-TB

drugs; the new Schedule H-1 which covers around 46 drugs of antibiotics, anti-TB and also some habit forming / psychotropic drugs, requires every Chemist to ensure that strict records are being maintained on the supply of such drugs only on the prescription of Registered Medical Practitioners and which records should be maintained for a period of three years from the date of its supply and be made available for verification at any inspection conducted by the Officials of the Food & Drugs Administration; the pharmacists raised several of their difficulties / queries on the matters which was addressed at the said workshop;

Address by Dy Director – FDA Jyoti J Sardesai

Address by Dy Director – FDA Rajendra R Naik

The Director, Food & Drugs Administration shri Salim A Veljee also cautioned and warned all the Pharmacists present at the said workshop to ensure a total and strict adherence and compliances to the provisions of the said law including selling of such drugs only on the prescriptions of Registered Medical Practitioner in the presence and personal supervision of the Registered Pharmacist and maintaining the required records to substantiate their sales and purchases of such drugs and any instance of non-compliance would be dealt by FDA with severe and harsh punishment which includes suspension and cancellation of their drugs licenses; Director, FDA also cautioned the Pharmacists the need to exercise all restraints against indiscriminate sale of the psychotropic and other habit forming drugs including sale of sildenafile citrate category of drugs to patients including foreigners at the coastal belts of the State without proper verification and authentic prescriptions;

The Secretary of the Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Goa State Branch shri Anant Naik delivered the vote of thanks at this workshop;