

FDA to work in close connection with Goa Zone NCB for surveillances over movement of drugs at the coastal belt in the State

The Goa Sub-Zone office of the Narcotics Control Bureau, Porvorim, Government of India conducted a brief communication cum orientation meeting with the Officials of the enforcement staff of the Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration, Government of Goa at their Bambolim complex on the 24th April 2014; the objective of this communication meeting was mainly centered to ensure the close networking amongst these two enforcement related agencies and provide each other with the sharing of information and intelligences over the movement of drugs at the coastal belt of the State as well as maintaining a strict surveillance over the pharmacies, medical stores and other distribution drugs outlets in the State which are engaged in the sale and distribution of psychotropic drugs including large number of prescription drugs too;



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Address by Shri Ravi Rana, Superintendent, Goa Zone, NCB

The Superintendent, Goa Zone, Narcotics Control Bureau shri Ravi Rana gave an in-depth presentation of the salient features of the Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and shared their experiences over the various types of drugs that are being detected by their enforcement agencies and which are being largely used in the drugs trafficking and the various initiatives and steps taken by the NCB in the State in controlling and tackling the issue of illicit drugs trafficking in the State and also put forth the various information received and collected by their

enforcement agency in such illicit drugs trafficking and called for the active participation and collaborative working with the State FDA to strengthen the law enforcing agencies hands in this regards; It was also informed that there has now been a major shift in the types of drugs used for illicit trafficking from the traditional narcotics drugs to the current prescription drugs, its misuse and abuse and thus, the FDA being the main drugs enforcement agency under the drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, that there was a n urgent need for a collaborative and collective effort necessary to deal with these social problems, where certain medical stores / pharmacies in the State were in connivance in this un-ethical trade; the illicit drugs traffickers also used the regular domestic and international courier agency route for the transportation of such objectionable drugs and that even the courier agency have been sensitized for exercising great care and precautions / responsibility / verification in the handling and transportation of courier parcels;

The Director, Food & Drugs Administration, Government of Goa extended all possible assistance and working in close networking including conducting joint intervention in the State with the State NCB officials and carrying out surveillances drives at such medical sales outlet premises not only at the coastal belts of the State but also throughout the State including the various courier agencies engaged in the transportation of parcels suspected to containing objectionable drugs in addressing this issue of illicit drugs movement both in and across the State