

The government of India must ensure stringent quality controls on drug exports and contain the reputational damage.

India being "Pharmacy of the world" contributes 20% by volume to global generic markets and 62% to the worldwide vaccine demands.

India's drug export:

① India is the 2nd largest after China, in the trading partner with Africa

② The Southern and western Africa is the largest importer of Indian Pharmaceuticals.

③ In 2010, Serum Institute of India had produced MenAfriVac specifically for Africa, thus achieving elimination of meningitis in the African ~~meningitis~~ ^{meningitis} belt.

Unfortunate Reputational Damage: of Gambia

① Recently 70 children, had died linked to cold syrups made in India

② Haryana based Maiden Pharmaceutical Industry had been under scanner for its 4 substandard pediatric syrups and potentially linked to death of children by the World Health Organisation [WHO], for not quality testing

of propylene glycol which is used.

India's quality controls:

Drug and Cosmetics Act 1940:

① It regulates and entrusts various responsibilities over central and state for regulation of drugs and cosmetics.

② Provides guidelines for the issuing of license to manufacturers of ayurveda, Siddha, unani medicines with Good Manufacturing Practices [GMP].

The Central Drug Standard Control Organisation

(CDSCO):

① It measures the safety, efficacy and safety of drugs

② Supervises import drugs and approves licenses.

③ Regulate market authorization of new drugs and quality trial standards.

④ It approves exports of drugs any manufacturer having certification from CDSCO only can export drug outside India.

Drugs Controller General of India :

- ① Approves for the licences for specified category such as Blood and its products, sera, vaccine, IV fluids.
- ② Sets standards for Manufacture, Sale, import and distribution of drugs in India.

India should relieve itself from reputational and other damages by strictly ensuring stringent quality controls on drugs and ^{thus} making sustainable as "Pharmacy of the World".