Manuals under RTI Act, 2005

Manual 1- Particulars of the organization, function and duties of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC):

IPC has been established on 1st January, 2009 as an Autonomous Institution under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and it is registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act with the mandate to perform, *inter-alia*, functions such as revision and publication of the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) and National formulary of India (NFI) on a regular basis. Besides, it provides Indian Pharmacopoeia Reference Substances (IPRS) and training to the stakeholders on Pharmacopoeial issues. IPC exclusively deals with matters relating to timely publication of the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) which is the official book of standards for drugs included therein, in terms of the Second Schedule to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945 made thereunder so as to specify the standards of identity, purity and strength for the drugs imported, manufactured for sale, stocked or exhibited for sale or distributed in India.

Mission

To promote public and animal health in India by bringing out authoritative and officially accepted standards for quality of drugs including active pharmaceutical ingredients, excipients and dosage forms, used by health professionals, patients and consumers.

Vision

To promote the highest standards of drugs for use in human and animals within practical limits of the technologies available for manufacture and analysis.

Objectives

- To develop comprehensive monographs for drugs to be included in the Indian Pharmacopoeia, including active pharmaceutical ingredients, pharmaceutical aids and dosage forms as well as medical devices and to keep them updated by revision on a regular basis.
- To develop monographs for herbal drugs, both raw drugs and extracts/formulations therefrom.
- To accord priority to monographs of drugs included in the National Essential Medicines List and their dosage forms.

- To take note of the different levels of sophistication in analytical testing/instrumentation available while framing the monographs.

- To accelerate the process of preparation, certification and distribution of IP Reference Substances, including the related substances, impurities and degradation products.

- To collaborate with pharmacopoeias like the Ph Eur, BP, USP, JP, ChP and International Pharmacopoeia with a view to harmonizing with global standards.

- To review existing monographs periodically with a view to deleting obsolete ones and amending those requiring upgrading/revision.

- To organize educational programs and research activities for spreading and establishing awareness on the need and scope of quality standards for drugs and related articles/materials.

- To publish the National Formulary of India for updating medical practitioners and other healthcare professionals.

- To act as a National Coordination Centre for Pharmacovigilance Programme of India, etc.