

Date : 9th March, 2020

The Deputy Director General

World Health Organisation,

Avenue Appia 20, CH-1211, Geneva 27, Switzerland.

For the kind attention of Dr.Soumya Swaminathan

Dear Madam,

I need assistance from your good self. I have just one request from WHO H.Q. in Geneva.

Whether the Adverse Event from Cipla Limited drug Rokfos (ingredient Zoledronic acid) has been reported to WHO and concerned authorities ?

Enclosed as a book, is story of death of my wife from serious adverse drug reactions of injection Rokfos manufactured by pharma company Cipla Limited.

1. The serious ADRs were hushed up by Cipla in nexus with treating doctors. Around two dozen doctors at three hospitals also hushed up the ADRs. Active connivance of FDA authorities both in the state of Maharashtra (Mumbai) where the adverse event occurred as well as in the state of Goa where the drug was manufactured.
2. Attached with this letter is newspaper report dated 27th February 2020 of warning received by Cipla from US FDA for 12 serious violations at Goa facility. This report has finally confirmed the fact that sub-standard drugs were being manufactured by Cipla Limited at their Goa plant.
3. Cipla did not investigate the batch in spite of repeated appeals by the aggrieved party (myself) in the interest of medical science and to pursue his case against the doctors. Cipla violated statutory guidelines.
4. A clear case of sub-standard manufacture of the drug for clinical trials in nexus with Maruti Nursing Home on unsuspecting, vulnerable patients.
5. Complaints to FDA authorities, since five years, with full evidence produced till date has not been acted upon. Police complaint has been kept pending for action, since three years.
6. The might of the pharma industry in India is on open display.
7. I had no option but to bring this story before the nation in my book.
8. Supreme Court has taken Suo moto cognizance of my complaint addressed jointly before the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.
9. My wife was sacrificed as a GUINEA PIG in a drug trial.
10. What experiment was conducted that went awry ?
11. Why were ADRs hushed up by Cipla in nexus with Maruti Nursing Home?
12. Cipla Chairman and Scientist should reveal what ingredient was used !
13. Why did Platinum Hospitals collude to hush up the ADRs ?
14. Why did Jupiter Hospital give a false death certificate ?
15. Around 2 dozen doctors in 3 hospitals involved in this massive cover up !
16. FDA Maharashtra Commissioner, Joint Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and FDA Goa Director are answerable.

I have written to WHO representative to India, Dr.Henk Bekedam and also to WHO Director General, Dr.Tedros Adhanom but have not received any response. The letters have been reproduced in my book, Chapter 23, WHO, pages 174-180.

Your co-operation in getting to know whether the Adverse Event has been reported to concerned authorities at WHO will be of immense value to me and my daughter. Else my wife's death will forever remain a mystery to us and her soul will not rest in peace.

Reply to my e-mail address will suffice and highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

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Cc : Dr.Henk Bekedam, WHO representative to India.

Cc : Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission.

Cc : CDSCO under Drugs Controller General (India).

Cc : Ms Preeti Sudan, Secy (H&FW), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Cc : Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Union Minister of State, MoHFW.

Cc : Commissioner, FDA Maharashtra.

Cc : Director, Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration, Govt.of Goa.

Cc : Dr.Avinash Kakade, Cipla Gobal Head, Pharmacovigilance.

Cc : Shri Umang Vohra, Global CEO and M.D., Cipla Limited.

Cc : Ms Samina Vaziralli, Executive Vice-Chairperson, Cipla Limited.