

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.EOIBE/R/T/21/00002**Applicant Name** TEJA VARDHAN**Text of Application**

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Reply of Application

Dear Shri Vardhan, Please refer to your RTI no. EOIBE/R/E/21/00001 dated 02 June, 2021 requesting for the communications/orders received from the Ministry of External Affairs regarding the procurement of drug Amphotericin-B. 2. Copies of communications/orders received from the Ministry of External Affairs regarding the procurement of drug Amphotericin-B are attached.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	07/07/2021	Nodal Officer	MOHFW/R/T/21/02419
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	08/07/2021	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Gopal Prasad
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	08/07/2021	Gopal Prasad- (CPIO)	

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ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.EOIBE/R/E/21/00003**Applicant Name**

Aishwarya Mohanty

Text of Application

Kindly provide the following information for Indian nationals in Lebanon: 1. Total number of Indian nationals currently under the sentence of death in Lebanon. 2. Total number of Indian nationals pardoned from the sentence of death in Lebanon between 2011-2020. 3. Total number of Indian nationals executed between 2011-2020 in Lebanon. 4. For Indian nationals currently under the sentence of death in Lebanon, for each national please inform: (a) Name & last known address in Lebanon. (b) Last known address in Lebanon. (c) Age of Indian National at the time the death penalty was imposed. (d) Offences under domestic law in Lebanon for which death penalty was imposed. (e) Laws under which Indian nationals were sentenced to death. (f) Date on which death penalty was imposed by lower court. (g) Current status of the cases of Indian nationals sentenced to death. (h) Address & contact details of families in India. (i) Name & contact details of lawyers representing the Indian national. (j) Whether the Indian Embassy had been informed of the arrest & of the imposition of death penalty on the Indian nationals. (k) Whether the Indian Embassy has facilitated any legal/ consular assistance or any other assistance to the Indian nationals sentenced to death in Lebanon. (l) Whether any official(s) of the Indian Embassy met the Indian national while in custody. (m) Dates on which the Indian Embassy in Lebanon became aware of: I. Arrest of Indian National, II. Death Sentence of Indian National, & III. Arranged for legal/ consular assistance. 5. For Indian nationals executed between 2011-2020 in Lebanon, for each national please inform: (a) Name & last known address in Lebanon. (b) Last known address in India. (c) Age of Indian nationals at the time the death penalty was imposed. (d) Offences under the domestic law in Lebanon for which death penalty was imposed. (e) Laws under which Indian nationals were sentenced to death. (f) Date on which death penalty was imposed in the first instance. (g) Date on which the Indian national was executed. (h) Address & contact details of families in India. (i) Name & contact details of lawyers representing the Indian nationals. (j) Whether the Indian Embassy had been informed of the arrest and of the imposition of the death penalty on the Indian nationals. (k) Whether the Indian Embassy facilitated any legal/ consular assistance or any other assistance to the Indian national executed in Lebanon. (l) Whether any official(s) of the Indian Embassy met the Indian national while in custody. (m) Dates on which the Indian Embassy in Lebanon became aware of: I. Arrest of Indian National, II. Death Sentence of Indian National, III. Execution of Indian National, & IV. Arranged for Legal/Consular Assistance. 6. Kindly provide a copy of the Consular Manual Revised Edition, 1983 of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and amended/ updated versions, if any.

Reply of Application

Reply to RTI Application No. EOIBE/R/E/21/00003 dated August 7, 2021.

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August 20, 2021

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Sub: Reply to RTI Application No. EOIBE/R/E/21/00003 dated August 7, 2021

Madam,

Kindly refer to your above-mentioned RTI application, received by this Mission on August 7, 2021 on online RTI portal. The reply to information sought is as under:

Point No. 1: As per information available with this Mission, no Indian national is currently under the sentence of death in Lebanon.

Point No. 2 & 3: As per information available with this Mission, no Indian national was pardoned from sentence of death and executed between 2011-20 in Lebanon.

Point No. 4 & 5: Not applicable.

Point No. 6: Consular Manual Revised Edition, 1983 and its subsequent amended/updated versions are restricted document only for official use. Hence it cannot be provided.

If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Sandeep Grover, First Appellate Authority, Embassy of India, Beirut under RTI Act 2005 within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



(Hemant Gautam)

Chief Public Information Officer

Copy to:

Shri Sandeep Grover, First Appellate Authority, Embassy of India, Beirut.

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Fwd: [Homhop.all] Assistance from the friendly countries-reg.

From : Ambassador Beirut <amb.beirut@mea.gov.in>

Tue, May 18, 2021 12:13 PM

Subject : Fwd: [Homhop.all] Assistance from the friendly countries-reg.

To : HOC Beirut <hoc.beirut@mea.gov.in>, SS Cons Beirut
<cons.beirut@mea.gov.in>, Pawan Chopra <com.beirut@mea.gov.in>,
Hemant Gautam <com2.beirut@mea.gov.in>

From: "Dammu Ravi" <aseurope@mea.gov.in>

To: "hod hq" <hod.hq@mea.gov.in>, "homhop all" <homhop.all@mea.gov.in>

Cc: "NAVEEN SRIVASTAVA" <jsea@mea.gov.in>, "ANIKETGOVIND MANDAVGANE" <m.aniket@mea.gov.in>

Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:18:04 AM

Subject: [Homhop.all] Assistance from the friendly countries-reg.

Dear All,

In addition to the earlier stated requirements of priority items (ventilators, oxygen concentrators, oxygen generation plant, Remdesivir etc), Missions may also like to seek assistance from the friendly countries regarding the following three medications :

- (a) ECMO machines
- (b) AMPHOTERICIN B injection
- (c) POSACONAZOLE injection

Warm regards,

Jayant Khobragade
Joint Secretary
COVID Task Force
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

INDIA @ UN SC
2021-2022

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Fwd: [Homhop.all] Additional sources of LamB Amphotericine B and alternatives

From : Ambassador Beirut <amb.beirut@mea.gov.in> Wed, May 19, 2021 11:47 AM
Subject : Fwd: [Homhop.all] Additional sources of LamB Amphotericine B and alternatives
To : HOC Beirut <hoc.beirut@mea.gov.in>, SS Cons Beirut <cons.beirut@mea.gov.in>, Pawan Chopra <com.beirut@mea.gov.in>, Hemant Gautam <com2.beirut@mea.gov.in>

From: "Vinay Kumar" <asio@mea.gov.in>
To: "homhop all" <homhop.all@mea.gov.in>
Cc: "Surendrakumar Bagde" <as-housing@gov.in>, "Dr Sumit Garg DS, D/o Pharmaceuticals" <sumit.g@nic.in>, "Saurabh IFS 2016" <usintor@mea.gov.in>, "Director (FSO)" <dirfs@mea.gov.in>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 7:54:18 AM
Subject: [Homhop.all] Additional sources of LamB Amphotericine B and alternatives

FROM: FOREIGN NEW DELHI
TO: ALL MISSIONS / POSTS ABROAD

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Due to use of steroid and oxygen in COVID patients, the demand for the drug LamB Liposomal Amphotericine B has surged in India. This drug is used to treat patients affected by Mucormycosis, also called black fungus.

While the main supplier of this drug is Gilead Sciences USA and the drug is being imported into India by MyLan Ltd., we have to find **additional sources** of LamB Amphotericine B as well as **alternative drug** given the high demand which is expected to increase further as more patients get cured of COVID and many contract Mucormycosis.

It is requested that you may interact with the local Pharma industries and obtain information about additional sources of LamB Amphotericine B as well as alternative drug in use.

An early response is solicited so that our Pharma companies including MyLan can expedite procurements.

With regards,

Vinay Kumar
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Fwd: [Homhop.all] Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for facilitating free transportation for donations for Covid relief

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Fri, May 21, 2021 01:54 PM

1 attachment

From: "Dammu Ravi" <covidcell@mea.gov.in>
To: "homhop all" <homhop.all@mea.gov.in>
Cc: "Dammu Ravi" <aseurope@mea.gov.in>, "ANURAG BHUSHAN" <jsdpa3@mea.gov.in>, "R Kamalahar" <dspdpa@mea.gov.in>, "ASHOK KUMAR" <us1dpa3@mea.gov.in>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 1:25:46 PM
Subject: [Homhop.all] Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for facilitating free transportation for donations for Covid relief

An SoP issued by GoI to facilitate transportation of donations for Covid relief for certain category of donations is attached herewith. As per the SoP, the Government will absorb the cost of transportation of the Covid relief donations for select categories.

2. You would recall from my e-mail dated 12th May, 2021, I had requested Missions for identifying sources for procuring five priority items. I am happy to note that we have received prompt responses from large number of Missions and these have been compiled and shared with the States/ UTs. As you would be aware, GoI has added the following items to the priority list:

- i. ECMO machines.
- ii. Amphotericin B injection
- iii. Posaconazole injection

3. I would once again request you to identify sources for procuring the above mentioned equipment and medicines and send to the undersigned at : jsdpa3@mea.gov.in

Regards,

Anurag Bhushan अनुराग भूषण
Joint Secretary संयुक्त सचिव
Development Partnership Administration -III & Covid Cell
विकास भागीदारी प्रशासन -3
Ministry of External Affairs

NITI Aayog

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for facilitating free transportation for donations for COVID Relief (20/5/2021)

With an aim to reaching out to a large number of people across the country in the fight against the second wave of Coronavirus, Government of India will facilitate transportation for donations for COVID Relief.

1. The Government will absorb the cost of transportation only in the following cases :
 - i. **Private to Government,**
 - ii. **Private to the Indian Red Cross,**
 - iii. **Private to the State Government,**
 - iv. **Private to the Public Sector** who will provide the service and distribution free of cost.
 - v. **Private to the Charitable institutions** who will provide the service and distribution free of cost.
 - vi. **Private to the Philanthropic Organisations** who will provide the service and distribution free of cost.
 - vii. **Philanthropic to Philanthropic Organisations** who will provide the service and distribution free of cost.

No private to private transportations of goods will be financed by Government of India.

2. Donor will be responsible for appropriate packaging, local transportation needs of the relief consignment. They will bear the expenses to the port of departure in the country of origin.
3. At the port of arrival in India, the recipient State Government/Public Sector Organization/Philanthropic Organization/Charitable organization should receive the goods and shall be responsible for their transportation to the intended destination. Goods not received by any intended recipient within a week of their arrival may be handed over to the Indian Red Cross.
4. This will be applicable only for Priority items of Health Ministry and items included in the Notification No. 28/2021- Customs dt. 24th April, 2021. (**Annexure –A**).

Filled oxygen cylinders should not be accepted for transportation by air at government's expense. No refurbished items will be accepted for transportation financed by the Govt. of India.

5. The quantity of the Priority items being donated should be above the threshold level and with the specifications as in **Annexure – B**.
6. The Donor upon approaching Indian Mission with a request for providing free transportation for their donations, the Mission will vet all such proposals before recommending to MEA. Missions will mark a copy of such proposal to MoHFW and NITI Aayog.

NITI Aayog which is the nodal body for processing all such proposals will consult MEA from political angle before seeking its internal approval. The approved proposal will be recommended to The Empowered Group II under MoRTH for consideration.

The Empowered Group-II will clear such proposals on a case-by-case keeping in view the purpose, need and urgency of such donation. The Process Flow has been explained in **Annexure – C**

7. Such donations should fully comply with the Ministry of Finance Ad hoc Exemption Order No. 2/2021-Customs dated 3 May 2021 on free-of-charge use of the equipment/medicines by recipient institution in India.
8. The concerned State Government will verify the credentials of the recipient charitable/philanthropic organization. The recipient Philanthropic Organization/Charitable organization will execute an undertaking to the State Government concerned that the donation consignment so received will be used for providing free services or for distribution free of cost.
9. Missions will explore offer of free service by international logistics companies/airlines to extent possible and cost towards filling last minute gaps etc will be conveyed by Missions to MEA and NITI Aayog.
10. The donor may be asked to sign an undertaking that the Government of India shall not be held responsible for any delay in delivery, non-delivery, theft, loss or risks during transportation.
11. Duration of this facility will be valid till 30th June 2021.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)

Ad hoc Exemption Order No. 4/2021-Customs

New Delhi, the 3rd May, 2021

G.S.R. (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, under exceptional circumstances prevailing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the goods of the description as specified in the notifications listed in the Appendix below, falling within the Chapter, heading, sub heading or tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) as specified in the said notifications, when imported into India, from the whole of the integrated tax leviable thereon under sub-section (7) of section 3 of the said Customs Tariff Act, read with section 5 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), subject to the conditions specified in the Annexure to this exemption order.

2. This exemption order shall remain in force upto and inclusive of the 30th day of June, 2021 and shall also apply to goods which are pending for clearance on the date of issue of this order.

Appendix

S.No.	Notification
1	Notification No. 27/2021 Customs, dated the 20 th April, 2021 [G.S.R. 284(E), dated the 20 th April, 2021]
2	Notification No. 28/2021 Customs, dated the 24 th April, 2021 [G.S.R. 286(F), dated the 24 th April, 2021]

Annexure

Condition No.	Condition
1	The said goods are imported free of cost for the purpose of Covid relief by a State Government or, any entity, relief agency or statutory body, authorised in this regard by any State Government.

2.	The said goods are received from abroad for free distribution in India for the purpose of Covid relief.
3.	Before clearance of the goods, the importer produces to the Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, a certificate from a nodal authority, appointed by a State Government, that the imported goods are meant for free distribution for Covid relief, by the State Government, or the entity, relief agency or statutory body, as specified in such certificate.
4.	The importer produces before the Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, at the port of import within a period of six months from the date of importation, or within such extended period not exceeding nine months from the said date as that Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow, a statement containing details of goods distributed free of cost duly certified by the said nodal authority of the State Government.

[F.No. CBIC-190354/2/2021-TO(TRU-I)-CBEC]

Gaurav Singh
(Gaurav Singh)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)

Notification No. 28/2021-Customs

New Delhi, the 24th April, 2021

G.S.R. (F). In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), read with section 141 of Finance Act, 2020 (12 of 2020), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the goods of the description specified in column (3) of the Table below, falling within the Chapter, heading, sub-heading or tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) specified in column (2) of the said Table, when imported into India, from the whole of the duty of customs leviable thereon under the said First Schedule and the whole of health cess leviable thereon under section 141 of the said Finance Act, namely:-

Table

S.No.	Chapter, heading, sub-heading or tariff item	Description
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	9019 20, 9804	Oxygen concentrator including flow meter, regulator, connectors and tubings.
2.	2804 40	Medical Oxygen
3.	8421 39	Vacuum Pressure Swing Absorption (VPSA) and Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) oxygen plants, Cryogenic oxygen Air Separation Units (ASUs) producing liquid/gaseous oxygen.
4.	7311	Oxygen canister
5.	9018	Oxygen filling system
6.	7311	Oxygen storage tanks
7.	9018	Oxygen generator
8.	7311	ISO containers for Shipping Oxygen
9.	7311, 8418 or 8419	Cryogenic road transport tanks for Oxygen
10.	7311, 8418 or 8419	Oxygen cylinders including cryogenic cylinders and tanks
11.	Any Chapter	Parts of goods at S.No.1 and 3 to 10 above, used in the manufacture of equipment related to the production.

		transportation, distribution or storage of Oxygen, subject to the condition that the importer follows the procedure set out in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017.
12.	9019	Any other device from which oxygen can be generated
13.	9018 or 9019	Ventilators, including ventilator with compressors; all accessories and tubings; humidifiers; viral filters (should be able to function as high flow device and come with nasal canula).
14.	9018	High flow nasal canula device with all attachments; nasal canula for use with the device.
15.	6506 99 00	Helmets for use with non-invasive ventilation.
16.	9019	Non-invasive ventilation oronasal masks for ICU ventilators.
17.	9019	Non-invasive ventilation nasal masks for ICU ventilators.
18.	3002	COVID-19 vaccine.

2. This notification shall remain in force upto and inclusive of the 31st July, 2021.

[F.No. 354/3/2021-TRU]

(Gaurav Singh)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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Table		
S.No.	Chapter or heading or sub-heading or tariff item	Description of goods
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	29	Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients.
2.	29	Beta Cyclodextrin (SBEBCD) used in manufacture of Remdesivir, subject to the condition that the importer follows the procedure set out in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017.
3.	30	Injection Remdesivir.

2. This notification shall remain in force upto and inclusive of the 31st October, 2021.

[F.No. 354/3/2021-TRU]

(Gaurav Singh)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Annexure - BList of Priority items Threshold Number and Specifications

Sl. No.	Item	Minimum Threshold Quantity	Minimum expected specifications
1.	Oxygen Cylinders	100	Minimum 10 ltrs
2.	Oxygen Concentrators	30	5LPM and 220 Volt
3.	Bipap/ NIV	30	
4.	PSA Oxygen Generation plants	1	At least 500 LPM capacity
5.	Ventilators	15	Should have NIV facility & inbuilt compressor
6.	ECMO machines		
7.	(i) Remdesivir (ii) Tocilizumab (iii) AMPHOTERICIN B injection (iv) POSACONAZOLE injection		

