

Industry opposes central drug body

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With the Centre all set to constitute a central drug authority for drug licensing and regulatory system, the voice of dissension has started pouring in from the industry.

Opposing the proposal on the basis that it would lead to concentration of powers in the hands of the Central Government, the Himachal Drug Manufacturers Association (HDMA) has given a representation to the Chief Minis-

ter and urged him to take up the issue with the government.

HDMA president Sanjay Guleria, while terming it against the policy of decentralisation being adopted by the Centre, said it would lead to delays thus harassing the industry. With inadequate infrastructure available with Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation offices in Delhi and other zonal offices, the applicants will face inconvenience. — OC

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