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कार्यालय
महाप्रबन्धक/सतर्कता
हाजीपुर

No. ECR/Vig /System Improvement/50

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**Chief Medical Director
East Central Railway
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Sub- Computerisation of accountal and indenting of medicines and ensuring reasonability of rates of medicines purchased through imprest.

During a preventive check in the unit of CMS/GYA, it was noted that the unit prepared incorrect annual indents of medicines for the year 2014-15 by furnishing wrong figures of annual consumption. As a result, huge quantities of medicines Tab Ofloxacin IP 200mg & Tab Pioglitazone IP 15mg were indented and procured.

Annual consumption of above two medicines during 1st Jan'13 to 31st Dec'13 was shown in the indents for 2014-15 as 24000 nos & 7200 nos respectively against the actual annual consumption of 6600 nos & 1000 nos. Consequently, 15000 nos & 3000 nos of above two medicines were indented for the year 2014-15 whereas on the basis of actual consumption figure, the indented quantity should have been 1350 nos & NIL. Due to the over indenting and over procurement of medicines by furnishing wrong figures of annual consumption, huge stock of above two medicines accumulated in the unit which was found to be 35,800 nos & 5000 nos as on the date of vigilance check on 23.12.14.

SSO/Accounts who vetted the indents of these medicines stated that he did not enquire about the correctness of consumption figures or any other detail furnished in the indents as they were signed by ACMS of the unit. Here, it is noteworthy that medicines have got shelf life and over indenting/over procurement may result in loss of Railway Revenue.

It was also noted during check that imprest purchase of the medicine Tab Telmisartan 40 mg was made at much different rates within a very short period of time of 01 to 02 months. It was purchased @ Rs. 7.50 per tablet (less 6%) on 08.05.14 whereas on 10.07.14, it was purchased @ Rs. 2.50 per tablet (less 6%). Another item Surgical Sprit 400 ml bottle also was purchased @Rs. 60.00 per bottle (less 20%) on 08.05.14 whereas the same item was purchased @ Rs.98.00 per bottle (less 20%) on 03.06.14. Purchasing medicines by the unit at such varying rates within a short period of time, that too from approved medical stores is not considered proper. Reasons for purchase at higher rates should be apparent in the details of the vouchers/cash memos as received by purchasing officials.

Though the bulk of imprest purchase of medicine by the unit is not large but reasonability of purchase is important as it is directly related to expenditure of railway revenue and it is also very likely that higher rate of medicine purchased through imprest may be referred for reasonability of rates for making bulk purchase of same medicine in future by the same unit/other units.

In view of the above, it is requested that centralized computer based system for receipt, accountal, issue and indenting of medicines should be implemented in Medical Department as in Stores Department to avoid irregularities in accounting & indenting and to make the system transparent as well. Divisional hospitals/other units should be advised to ensure that while making procurement of medicines through imprest, complete details of the medicines should be mentioned in the cash memos/vouchers so that market rates can be ascertained, anytime later if considered necessary.

Action taken in this regard may be intimated to this office.

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