

An overhaul of administrative mechanism is req. in drug approval system of the country. Elaborate

The CBI charged a course of kickbacks in the central drug standards control organisation (CDSCO) highlighting glaring loop holes in the system.

Overhauling drug approval system

The drugs are approved by the CDSCO based on the reports of the subject expert committee (SEC). The SEC of Drug Controller, and general of India must be made robust.

The decisions of the SECs and the members must be made public. The minutes of meetings of the SECs must be authentic.

The decisions made with the
CDSCO are to be on a scientific
basis rather than time exigency.

The covid vaccines were approved
for restricted emergency use within
hours of application. # The clarity between
REU and full authorization must be
properly laid out.

The CDSCO and ~~DSI~~ DCGI has to
make more contacts with the civil
society and scientists rather with
pharma industries.

India ranks 3rd largest by volume
and 14th largest by value in pharma and
one of largest exporters of generic medicines.
The overhauling of can turn the wheels
towards transparency and disease free life.