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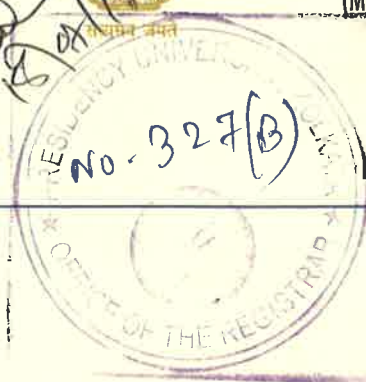
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Dear Sir/Madam,

This has reference to Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, GoI letter No.5587/M(C&F)/17, dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 regarding the recent decision of the Government to regulate the prices of coronary stents is a very important milestone in regulation of prices of drugs and medical devices, which is aimed to substantially reduce the burden on the pockets of the poor patients and their kin.

There is a very high incidence of Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) in India associated with high morbidity and mortality and coronary stent implantation is an important treatment. The Central Government has, therefore, included the same in the schedule 1 of the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013 on 21/12/2016, enabling National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) to regulate the prices of coronary stents and monitor their availability. NPPA, after detailed stakeholder consultations, notified the ceiling prices of the coronary stents on 13/02/2017 under two categories:

1. Bare Metal Stents - Rs. 7260/-
2. Drug Eluting metallic DES and including Stents (DES) and Bio-resorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVs)/Biodegradable Stents - Rs.29,600/-

You are requested to kindly take appropriate measures and post this information on your esteemed university's website and ensure this in the affiliated colleges also for the wider dissemination of this information to the general public so that the benefit is passed on to the intended beneficiaries.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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