To
Sh. R G Singh
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011

Sub.: CSE Study on “Antibiotic Resistance in Poultry Environment”

Sir,

This is with reference to your letter No X.11035/711/2017-DRS Dated 28.12.2017 regarding the subject mentioned above. In this regard it is pertinent to mention here that Rule 97 under Drugs & Cosmetics Act Rules 1945 has been amended vide notification GSR no. 28(E) dated 17th January 2012 to restrict the use of antibiotics in the Food producing animals. Further in this regard in order to prevent public health, CDSCO has already issued number of circulars/orders in respect of use of antibiotics which are as under (Copies enclosed):

1. A circular/letter to all State Drug Controllers vide its letter F. No. 12-01/13-DC (Pt-54) dated 23/05/2013 on subject- “Sub-Rule 3A of Rule 97 of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 regarding withdrawal period” which mainly explains the withdrawal period of the drug for the species on which it is intended to be used.
2. This directorate has already forwarded letter to All state/ UT Drug Controllers vide its letter No. F. No. X-11026/64/2014-BD, dated 06/06/2014 on the subject- “Use of antibiotics for treatment of food producing animals and in animal feed”.
3. The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Government of India, has issued a letter vide its letter no. 102-74/2014-Trade dated 03/06/2014 on subject “Use of Antibiotics for treatment of food producing animals and in animal feeding”, to all Directors/Commissioners(Animal Husbandry).
4. Letter No vide F.No BD/Vet.cell/01-2014 dated 02-09-2014 regarding use of antibiotics for treatment of food producing animals and animal feed.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. G. N. Singh)
Drugs Controller General (India)

Encl.: As above
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