

**Government of India  
Ministry of Ayush**

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East Kidwai Nagar South Ex-I,  
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**To,**

**All State/UT Licensing Authorities and Drug Controllers  
of AYUSH  
(As per list attached)**

**Subject: Rule 170 of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 - reg**

Sir,

Please refer to the meeting of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Drugs Technical Advisory Board (ASUDTAB) held on 25th May, 2023, New Delhi wherein it had been recommended to proceed with final notification for omission of Rule 170 and its related provisions mentioned in Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945. Approved minutes of this meeting are enclosed. However, the final notification for omission of Rule 170 and its related provisions mentioned in Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 will take some time.

2. In this regard and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 33 P Drugs & Cosmetics Act Rules, 1940, all States/ UTs licensing authorities are hereby directed not to initiate/ take any action under Rule 170 of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

**Encl. As Above**

**Yours faithfully,**

**(Madan Lal Meena)  
Under Secretary to the Government of India**

**Copy for information to:**

**i) Director (AYUSH) of all States/UTs.**