

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**(Department of Health and Family Welfare)**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 26th March, 2020

**G.S.R. 219(E).**—Whereas, the Central Government is satisfied that the drug 'Hydroxychloroquine' is essential to meet the requirements of emergency arising due to pandemic COVID-19 and in the public interest, it is necessary and expedient to regulate and restrict the sale and distribution of the drug 'Hydroxychloroquine' and preparation based thereon for preventing their misuse;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 26B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940), the Central Government hereby directs that sale by retail of any preparation containing the drug Hydroxychloroquine shall be in accordance with the conditions for sale of drugs specified in Schedule H1 to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

2. This order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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