



NEWS UPDATE

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NGO Seeks Drug-Level Regulation for Nutraceuticals, Flags Quality & Pricing Concerns



A Gujarat-based NGO has urged the government to bring nutraceuticals (health supplements and fortified foods) under the purview of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) instead of treating them as food products. The current system places them under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), which experts say offers weaker regulatory oversight. The NGO highlighted serious concerns including poor quality control, adulteration, incorrect dosages, and lack of post-market surveillance in nutraceutical products. It also pointed out that these products are widely prescribed like medicines, yet remain outside strict drug regulations and price control mechanisms such as the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), leading to unregulated pricing and affordability issues. Experts believe stronger regulation could ensure better safety, standardization, and fair pricing as India's nutraceutical market continues to expand.

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