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Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
(Drug Quality Control Section)

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**NOTIFICATION**

The Government of India had constituted a Core Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr VM Katoch, former Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research for reviewing and revising the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2011 in the context of the contemporary knowledge of the use of therapeutic products.

2. While the Core Committee was finalizing its recommendations, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, in response to a public interest litigation filed before it seeking a direction to the Government to include 'Coronary stents' in the NLEM thereby controlling the sale of the same, issued an order dated 25.02.2015, to treat the petition as a representation and issue an appropriate order in accordance with the law. In view of the said Order, this Ministry constituted a Sub-Committee of the Core Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor YK Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, New Delhi to examine the issues relating to the essentiality of coronary stents.

3. The Sub-Committee has submitted its report to the Government and after examination of the report, the Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the Sub-Committee. The Government of India has further decided that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee with regard to inclusion of the Coronary Stents in the NLEM 2015 will be operational with immediate effect.



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