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Drop in number of sub-standard drug samples detected by Maha FDA in April

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There is a significant drop in the number of sub-standard drug samples detected by Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration in April compared to the preceding months. In April, the Maharashtra FDA has found only 21 not-of-standard drug samples against 44 such cases in March and 33 each in February and January.

According to the data released by the Maharashtra FDA, six sub-standard drug samples were found from Himachal Pradesh and five from Uttaranchal, four from Maharashtra, three samples from Rajasthan and one each from Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

Shivek Labs of Himachal Pradesh was listed for the second consecutive month for not-of-standard drug samples. Moreover, Francis Remedies of Uttaranchal is not only listed for second consecutive month for not-of-standard drug but it was also listed during the inspection conducted in December 2009. Other highlights of the latest list is that two samples each from Maharashtra's Aroma Treasures and Om Biomedic of Uttaranchal were found not-of-standard drug.

The not-of-standard drug samples are from Ajanta Pharma of Aurangabad; Dharti Healthcare of Gujarat; Elfin Drugs, Pacific India, Saichem Pharma, Shivek Labs, Torque Pharma and Venus Biosciences of Himachal Pradesh; Aroma Treasure, Asuwaldi Pharma and MPI Ethicals of Maharashtra; Durga Cotton Industries, Medicamen Biotech and The Cotton Products of India of Rajasthan; Arun Products of Tamil Nadu; Francis Remedies (India), Medicamen Organics, Om Biomedic and Saint Michel Biotech of Uttaranchal.

The state FDA routinely picks up random samples of drugs from chemists and druggists and send them for testing.