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Tagoor Labs gets DCGI approval for Favipiravir production

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Tagoor Laboratories in Hyderabad, has received Drugs Controller General of India license to manufacture Favipiravir, the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) of an Anti-Viral Drug approved by the DCGI for use in the treatment of Mild to moderate Covid-19 cases.

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The DCGI earlier approved the use of Favipiravir, an anti-viral drug used for treatment of influenza. The drug, developed in Japan is also used for the treatment of mild to moderate cases of Covid-19 in India. Favipiravir is a broad spectrum anti-viral agent and selectively inhibits RNA polymerase of influenza virus and prevents viral replication.

Commenting on the receiving the license, Dr. P. Kasi Viswanadha Raju, Managing Director said, “Tagoor Labs is capable of producing the drug without having to depend on any imports, as all the complex intermediates are developed in-house. Company aiming to manufacture Favipiravir in quantities sufficient to meet the growing domestic demand, which arose due to the pandemic. Additionally, Tagoor Labs also manufactures and supplies Hydroxychloroquine sulphate, also used to treat Covid -19 symptoms. Our manufacturing facility, approved by the WHO GMP, clocked annual turnover of Rs 270 cr in FY 2019-2020, and is expected to make a revenue of Rs 450 cr in FY 2020-2021. Company is having its R&D facility in Jeedimetla Industrial area, Hyderabad.”

Business Head Dr. Mohanbabu Maradolla said “Tagoor Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. is in talks with the top buyers in the domestic market and is also making collaborations with various Turkish, Iran, Egypt, and Russia partners to supply the Favipiravir API.”