

## **Acknowledgements**

The Task Force to recommend measures for increasing exports of pharmaceutical products was constituted in July, 2006. As this Report would show, the Task Force has gone into the subject at length and instead of limiting its task to examining only the 'front end' of pharmaceutical exports it has dwelt deep into corresponding domestic policy linkages which would help in increasing exports as well. This increased the ambit of work undertaken by the Task Force. It was a privilege to have been associated with this task. I would not have been able to prepare this Report without receiving fullest cooperation from other members of the task force and inputs from various agencies such as Pharmexcil, Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA), Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), Bulk Drug Manufacturers Association, Ayurvedic Drugs Manufacturers Association (ADMA) etc. Besides these agencies, Departments of the Government of India, namely, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (now Department of Pharmaceutical), Department of AYUSH, National Medicinal Plants Board, Office of Drug Controller General of India, Department of Science & Technology and others were consulted, their inputs received and duly incorporated.

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