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Drug controller, pharma industry on collision course

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The turf war between the pharmaceutical industry and Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) is set to intensify after sources close to DCGI confirmed on Monday that the drug controller will soon be approaching the Supreme Court over the issue of centralising power to grant Certificate of Pharmaceutical Products (CoPP) — the export-quality licence to drug manufacturers in the country.

This comes after the Madras High Court for the seventh time adjourned the matter on January 18. Presently, there are four stay orders on the CoPP issue pending in the Karnataka and Madras High Courts since October last year.

In an order issued in September, DCGI Dr Surinder Singh had directed all zonal and sub-zonal offices of his Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation (CDSCO) that the certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and CoPP will be issued by his office instead of state drug agencies from October 1 this year.