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ALKALOID INDUSTRY IN INDIA

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with the request of the Government of India, the Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs the following document concerning the alkaloid industry in India.

Note on the Alkaloid Industry in India

Under the expert control and management of the Government of India, a well equipped factory at GHAZIPUR, United Provinces, India, manufactures from Indian opium of high quality the following opium alkaloids: morphine hydrochloride, morphine sulphate, morphine tartrate, morphine acetate and other morphine salts; codeine, codeine phosphate, codeine sulphate and other codeine salts; and ethyl morphine hydrochloride dionine. These drugs conform to B. P., B.P.C., U.S.P. and I.P.L. standards, and can be supplied on demand. Indian prices are cheaper than those of other countries. Indian opium contains a high percentage of morphine and is richer in codeine contents than opium produced in other countries. A limited quantity of Indian opium can also be supplied for manufacture of alkaloids at the rate of 45 shillings per lb. f.o.b. Bombay on 10 per cent morphine and 2 per cent codeine basis.

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