

Plea in SC seeks GST exemption for Covid drugs

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court to exempt Covid-19 drugs including Remdesivir, Tocilizumab, Favipiravir and medical equipment from Goods and Service Tax (GST).

It also sought direction for the lifting of GST on medical grade oxygen, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, Bipap Machines, control measures and supportive care for Covid-19 patients.

An NGO, 'Public Policy Advocates' through its founder Pritika Kumar filed the application in the pending suo motu case initiated by the Supreme Court to examine Covid-19 related issues. "The ongoing pandemic is a textbook situation when the exercise of the power of exemption is a public necessity," it said.