Punjab distilleries rise to the occasion to supply sanitizers

Chandigarh, March 28: In the wake of COVID-19 threat, the Punjab distilleries have risen to the occasion to manufacture sanitizers, as per the request of Punjab government, informed KS Pannu Commissioner Food and Drug Administration Punjab.

NV distillery Patiala, Chandigarh distilleries and bottlers Banur, Bathinda Chemicals Ltd Bathinda, Chadha sugar and distilleries Gurdaspur, Jagatjit distillery Hamira and Pioneer industries Pathankot have not only been manufacturing sanitizers as per the government prescribed formula but are also supplying and transporting the material to the Civil Hospitals and Medical Colleges free of cost as per the requirement flagged to them by FDA Punjab.

As per instructions the hand sanitizer material is being made by mixing ethanol 96 % with hydrogen peroxide 3%, Glyceryl, permitted colour and sterile water.

Pertinently, there has been a huge demand of sanitizers in Punjab due to spread of Covid 19 virus. An acute shortage of sanitizers in the market had given rise to black marketing. These distilleries have been meeting the daily requirements of sanitizers in bulk quantities. In last couple of days, about 33000 litres of sanitizing material have been supplied to Hospitals and Medical Colleges for use by medical and para medical staff. Similarly, material has also been supplied to police force for use by policemen on duty and even for the use of material by employees of civil Administration, material is being supplied to the Deputy commissioners.