Ban on export of HCQ lifted

- Government has lifted ban on export of **anti-malarial drug Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ)** API and formulation with immediate effect.
- An Inter-ministerial High-Level Empowered Committee meets regularly on fortnightly basis for assessing the availability of drugs in the country and will continue to meet to monitor the situation.
- In the meeting it was noted that during March-May, 2020 period (COVID-19 period) numbers of manufacturing units of Hydroxychloroquine have increased from 2 to 12 and the country’s production capacity of Hydroxychloroquine have increased three times i.e. from 10 Crore (Approx) tablets per month to **30 Crore (Approx) tablets per month**.
- Currently, India is having **surplus of Hydroxychloroquine tablets** over and above its domestic requirements.
- **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) conducts survey** regarding availability of Hydroxychloroquine and other drugs in domestic market from time to time.