

## **MSN Laboratories Launches 'SEMABEST, the First Integrated Made-in-India Semaglutide Following Patent Expiry.**

**Hyderabad, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - MSN Laboratories today announced the launch of SEMABEST, its semaglutide brand, in the Indian market following approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). This milestone reinforces the company's commitment to expanding access to advanced therapies for chronic metabolic diseases, including type 2 diabetes. SEMABEST is priced at nearly 50% lower than the innovator drug, significantly improving affordability and patient access. The therapy is available as a pre-filled pen for subcutaneous administration.

Since 20th March 2026, the market has seen a surge of new entrants. In this evolving landscape, SEMABEST stands apart with its strong **backward integration across in-house USDMF-grade API and formulation**. The Pen device is also made in India complying with global regulatory standards. SEMABEST represents a significant step forward in making complex peptide therapies more accessible, affordable, and scalable for Indian patients.

*"The product has demonstrated **bioequivalence to the reference (innovator) drug**, with its performance further validated through Phase III clinical studies conducted in direct comparison. The results showed **comparable reduction in HbA1c levels**, along with similar outcomes across key parameters including fasting plasma glucose (FPG), postprandial glucose (PPG) & weight loss. SEMABEST also exhibited a **comparable safety profile**, reinforcing its reliability as an effective therapeutic option."* said **Dr Kamini Desai, Head – Medical Affairs, MSN Laboratories.**

India is home to nearly 90 million people living with diabetes, with a significant proportion remaining undiagnosed or inadequately managed. The disease is often associated with serious complications, including cardiovascular disorders, kidney failure, and vision impairment, placing a substantial burden on patients and the healthcare system.

*"The launch of SEMABEST marks a defining step in our journey to make next-generation metabolic therapies more accessible and affordable. As the burden of diabetes continues to rise, we remain focused on delivering high-quality, innovative solutions that can make a meaningful difference in patients' lives,"* said **Dr. MSN Reddy, Founder & CMD, MSN Laboratories.**

*"MSN brings over a decade of expertise in complex peptide development, with its journey in this domain dating back to 2016 with the filing of its first USDMF for icatibant. Since then, the company has established a strong regulatory and scientific foundation, with **12 USDMFs for peptides and 6 US ANDAs for peptide formulations**, supported by a broader portfolio of **560+ USDMFs and 400+ bioequivalent formulations** globally. Leveraging its integrated R&D infrastructure and large-scale manufacturing capabilities, MSN is well positioned to ensure consistent supply, quality, and accessibility of SEMABEST across India."* said **Bharat Reddy, Executive Director, MSN Laboratories.**

**About MSN**

MSN Pharmaceuticals Group is a research-driven, fully integrated pharmaceutical company established in 2003, with a mission to make high-quality medicines accessible and affordable worldwide. The group operates 25 manufacturing facilities across India and the USA, supported by a unified R&D ecosystem spanning both API and finished dosage development. With over 1,000 patents filed globally, 200+ ANDA submissions, and a leading position in US DMF filings, MSN has built a strong global presence.

With a portfolio of 550+ APIs and 400+ finished dosage forms across 35+ therapeutic areas, MSN serves over 50 million patients in more than 100 countries.

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