

## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION



### **Press Release**

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana busted unauthorized manufacturing of certain drugs at Ovoid Pharmachem Pvt. Ltd. in Jeedimetla.
Stocks worth Rs. 23.93 lakhs were seized during the raid.

B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by <u>quacks</u> and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at two separate locations, including:

- 1) Dammannapet Village, Wardhannapet Mandal, Warangal District
- 2) Adilabad

**C)** In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized a Homeopathic medicine named 'FEVO GO Syrup,' in Palvancha, Bhadrari-Kothagudem District, for making a <u>misleading advertisement</u> claiming it treats 'all types of fevers and Typhoid'.

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# A) Busting of Unauthorized Drug Manufacturing at Ovoid Pharmachem Pvt. Ltd., Jeedimetla

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information, conducted raids at Ovoid Pharmachem Pvt. Ltd., located at Plot No. 319, Subashnagar, Jeedimetla Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April and detected unauthorized manufacturing of certain drugs.

During the raid, DCA officers detected 19 drums containing stocks of 87 Kgs of Itraconazole 35% Pellets and 800 Kgs of Activated Charcoal 250 mg and Simethicone 80 mg Pellets, manufactured without a drug licence. Narasapally Ramudu, the Director of the company was present during the raid.

DCA officials seized stocks worth a total of **Rs. 23.93 lakhs** during the raid and lifted samples for analysis.

Sri. M. Vijay Gopal, Assistant Director, Quthbullapur, Smt. A. Saritha, Drugs Inspector, Jeedimetla, Sri. E. Thirupathi, Drugs Inspector, Quthbullapur were among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the law against all the offenders involved.

Drugs can only be manufactured under a licence issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in compliance with the standards prescribed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Drugs manufactured in an unlicensed manner may not meet the quality standards, and these products may pose serious implications for public health.

### **B)** Raids conducted at **quacks' clinics** in two separate locations:

#### The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks who were claiming themselves as 'Rural Medical Practitioners' and practicing medicine without proper qualifications at their clinics. During the raids at the following premises, substantial quantities of medicines **stocked for sale without a drug license** were found.

SI. No.	Name of the Quack	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1.	Abbidi Subash Reddy	Dammannapet Village, Wardhannapet Mandal, Warangal District	31 varieties
2.	Shaik Fareed	D.No.17-335,KRK Colony, Adilabad, Adilabad District	22 varieties

Medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, analgesics, cough syrups, antiulcer drugs, antidiabetics, antihypertensives, etc., were found stocked at the premises.

DCA officials detected several higher generation **'antibiotics'** at the clinics during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by unqualified persons may have disastrous consequences on the health of rural public, including emergence of **'Antimicrobial Resistance'**.

Officials found 'steroids' at the clinics of quacks. Misusing steroids can have serious health consequences, including immune system suppression, hormonal imbalances, muscle and bone weakness, cardiovascular problems, and psychological effects. The indiscriminate use of steroids poses significant risks to public health.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 47,000/**-, during the special raids.

Dr. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal, Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal, Smt. A. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Adilabad are among the officers who carried out the raids.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation will be carried out, and action will be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such unqualified persons/unlicensed entities, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug license, are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and stringent action shall be taken against such Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.** 

# C) Seizure in Palvancha, Bhadrari-Kothagudem District for Misleading Advertisement:

#### The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected a Homeopathic medicine **'FEVO GO Syrup,'** circulating in the market with **misleading claim on its label** that it treats **'all types of fever and typhoid'**, which is a contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.** 

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding the diseases/disorders indicated under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special raids conducted on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, officials from the Drugs Control Administration, detected a Homeopathic medicine **'FEVO GO Syrup,'** manufactured by LDD Bioscience Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 71, Sector 8, IMT Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana. The label of the product bears a misleading claim stating that it is indicated for the treatment of **'all types of fever and Typhoid.'** 

The said medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical shop in Palvancha, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District. Stocks were seized during the raid.

Fever is indeed a symptom, typically indicating that the body is fighting off an infection or some other underlying condition. Medicines can help to alleviate discomfort associated with fever, <u>but they don't directly address the</u> <u>underlying cause of the fever.</u> Hence medicines, including, cannot claim that they treat **'fevers' in general**, as they don't cure the underlying condition responsible for the fever.

The advertisement of a medicine for the treatment of 'fevers' in general and 'Typhoid' is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954. Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Khammam, Sri. Ch. Sampath Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bhadradri-Kothagudem are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Persons who make misleading advertisements regarding drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders are punishable under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

#### Photographs of the product seized for making misleading advertisement



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The public may report any complaints regarding illegal activities concerning medicines through the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana

Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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V.B. KAMALASAN REDDY, IPS

**DIRECTOR GENERAL** 

## Photograph of Seizure carried out at Ovoid Pharmachem Pvt. Ltd., Jeedimetla for unauthorized manufacturing of certain drugs



# Photograph of Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Dammannapet Village, Wardhannapet Mandal, Warangal Dist



### Photograph of Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Adilabad



Photograph of Seizure of Homeopathic Medicine at Palvancha, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District for Misleading Advertisement



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