

## Press Note

**A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted raids at two separate locations and busted pharmacies operating without drug licences:**

i) DCA conducted a raid on **Sri Sai Super Speciality Dental Hospital** in **Wanaparthy** which was operating a pharmacy without a drug licence, and seized a significant quantity of drugs worth Rs. 80,000 intended for sale.

ii) In a separate incident, DCA conducted a raid on a **medical shop** located at **Noor Khan Bazar, Charminar, Hyderabad**, which was operating illegally without a drug license. During the raid, authorities seized 36 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, **habit-forming drugs** such as Alprazolam Tablets and Codeine Syrups.

**B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced anti-diabetic drug 'Tenebetic-20 tablets' (Teneligliptin tablets IP 20 mg) at Uppal – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.**

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**A) Raids at two separate locations - Busted pharmacies operating without drug licences:**

**i) Raid on Unlicensed Pharmacy at Sri Sai Super Speciality Dental Hospital, Wanaparthy:**

The details are as follows:

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, officials from the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, acting on credible information, conducted a raid at Sri Sai Super Speciality Dental Hospital located at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Andhra Bank Building, Rajeev Chowk, Wanaparthy. M. Venkata Suresh, a dentist, is operating the pharmacy in the hospital without a drug licence.

During the raid, officers detected unauthorized stocking of a substantial quantity of medicines intended for sale. 24 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, painkiller drugs, and other dental medications, were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the entire stock, worth **Rs. 80,000**, during the raid.

Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy and Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahbubnagar carried out the raid.

DCA officers lifted samples for analysis. Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the law against offenders.

**ii) Raid Conducted on Medical Shop Operating Illegally Without a Drug License at Charminar, Hyderabad:**

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a medical shop located at 22-1-717, Ground floor, Noor Khan Bazar, Charminar, Hyderabad on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Mir Hussain Hyder Razvi is illegally operating a medical shop named NAJM Pharmacy at the said premises without a valid drug license.

During the raid, DCA officers discovered the unauthorized stocking of a large quantity of medicines for sale. Thirty-six varieties of medicines, including habit-forming drugs, antibiotics, anti-ulcer drugs, cough syrups, and others, were found stocked for sale at the premises.

**Habit-forming drugs, such as Alprazolam Tablets and Codeine Syrups, were also found at the unlicensed premises.**

DCA officials seized a stock worth a total of **Rs. 50,000** during the raid.

Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad, Smt. B. Lakshmi, Drugs Inspector, Charminar, Smt. Ch. Swapna, Drugs Inspector, Jubilee Hills are among the officers who carried out the raid.

DCA officers collected samples for analysis. Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the law against all offenders involved.

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Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such 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

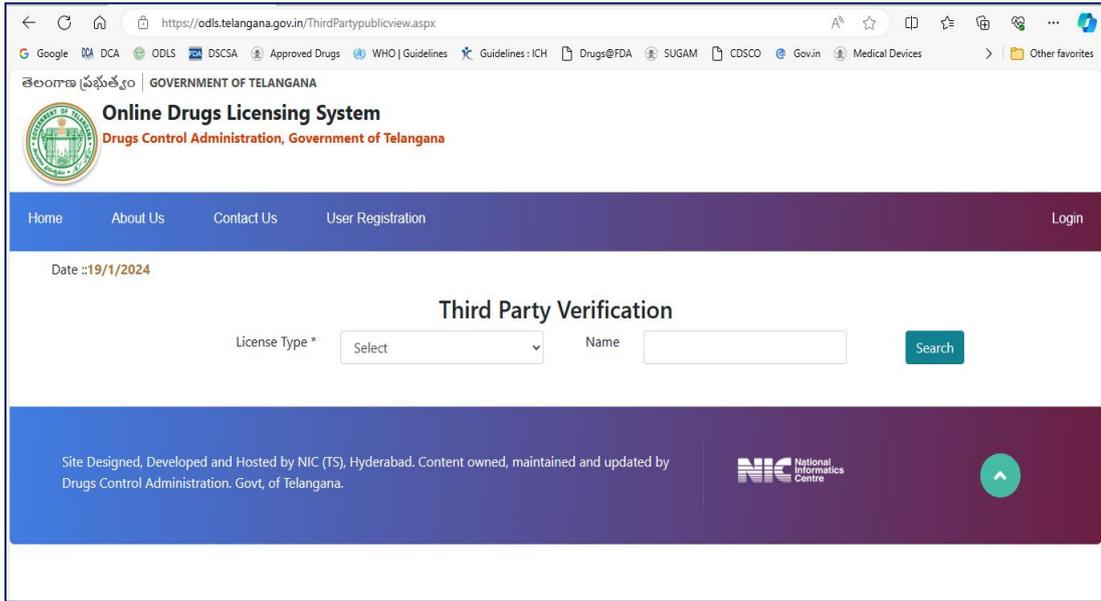
such Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

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.**

The public should avoid purchasing medicines from unlicensed medical shops. Buying medicines from such sources significantly increases the risks to public health as they are unregulated. It is advisable to purchase medicines only from licensed medical shops. Licensed medical shops typically 'display their drug licenses' issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conspicuously in a prominent place that is easily visible to the public. Selling medicines without a license is considered an offence, and medicines purchased from unlicensed premises are likely to be counterfeit products.

The public can verify whether a medical shop or pharmacy holds a license issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, through 'Third Party Verification'.

Public can enter the name of the pharmacy or medical shop in the search box provided under the 'Third Party Verification' section of the ODLS website at <https://odls.telangana.gov.in/ThirdPartypublicview.aspx> to verify the details of the drug licenses issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana. This allows individuals to check whether the medical shop or pharmacy is authorized to sell medicines or not.



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**C) Seizure of anti-diabetic drug ‘Tenebetic-20 tablets’ (Teneligliptin tablets IP 20 mg) at Kothapet Village, Uppal Mandal:**

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized ‘Tenebetic-20 tablets’ (Teneligliptin tablets IP 20 mg) on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at Kothapet Village, Uppal Mandal.

The product Teneligliptin tablets 20 mg sold under brand name ‘Tenebetic-20 tablets’ is under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of product shall be in accordance with the ‘Ceiling Price’ fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

The product 'Tenebetic-20 tablets' (Teneligliptin tablets IP 20 mg) of Batch No. IS23068, Mfg. date: 04-2023, Exp. Date: 03-2025, Manufactured by: Ind-Swift Limited, Industrial Growth Centre, Phase-1, Samba-184121, Jammu and Kashmir, Marketed by: Elder Pproject Limited, 302, 3rd Floor, Plot no. 174, Kunthu Commerce Centre, Near Ayappa Temple, Bangur Nagar, Goregaon West, Mumbai-400104, **bears MRP as Rs. 151.25 per 10 Tablets on the label of the product** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government including Wholesale Price Index for the product "Teneligliptin Tablets 20 mg" is **Rs 11.08 per tablet i.e. Rs. 110.8 per 10 tablets (Ceiling Price)**.

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 124.1 per strip of 10 tablets** (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 27.20/- per strip of 10 tablets**, which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**.

### Photographs of the Product Seized for Price Violation



Dr. V. Balanaganjan, Assistant Director, Shameerpet, Dr. B. Lakshminarayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal and Smt. G. Indira Priyadarshini, Drugs Inspector, Habsiguda 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.

**The prices of Essential Medicines shall be in accordance with the Ceiling Prices fixed by the Central Government. Overpricing of essential medicines is a violation under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.**

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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.**

**Date: 16-04-2024**

**V.B. KAMALASAN REDDY, IPS  
DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**Photograph of Seizure conducted at Unlicensed Pharmacy in Sri Sai Super  
Speciality Dental Hospital, Wanaparthy**



**Photograph of Seizure Conducted at a Medical Shop Operating Illegally  
Without a Drug License at Charminar, Hyderabad**



**Photograph of Seizure of anti-diabetic drug 'Tenebetic-20 tablets' (Teneligliptin tablets IP 20 mg) at Kothapet Village, Uppal Mandal**



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