



**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION**



Press Release

Counterfeit/spurious Anti-cancer drug manufacturer caught by the officials of Drugs Control Administration, Telangana and seized medicines worth Rs. Four crore thirty five lakhs at Macha Bollaram.

The brief details are as follows:

On credible information gathered by the officers of the Vigilance Cell of Drugs Control Administration, Telangana regarding manufacturing of spurious/counterfeit drugs by the firm “Astrica Healthcare”, a special team of Drugs Control Administration, Telangana led by Sri P. Ramu, Assistant Director and Drugs Inspectors Sri G. Srikanth, Sri K. Anvesh, Sri M. Chandrasekhar, Sri V. Ajay, and Smt. S. Vinay Sushmi conducted raids at various locations in the city on 02nd December, 2023.

DCA officials took assistance of the Postal authorities at Alwal to trace the location mentioned on the invoices gathered by the DCA and upon enquiry it has been found to be a fake address.

The special team then carried out raids at courier offices used by the firm ‘Astrica Healthcare’ for shipping their drug consignments.

DCA officials split into two teams and one team raided the courier offices at IDA Cherlapally, Nacharam and Medchal and the other team raided the premises of ‘Astrica Healthcare’ at Keesara.

DCA officials identified the courier boy who is delivering the drug stock of Astrica Healthcare and traced the location of the counterfeit/spurious drugs

which were stocked in three shutters at Macha Bollaram which is an unlicensed premises and kept a watch on it from 02nd December, 2023.

On detection of suspicious activity on 4th December, 2023 at the said location, DCA officers including Assistant Directors P. Ramu and V. Balanaganjan and Drugs Inspectors K. Muralikrishna, B. Praveen, G. Srikanth, N. Ravikiran Reddy and A.N. Kranthi Kumar raided the unlicensed premises and seized 36 varieties of Anti-cancer drugs and other drugs worth Rs. Four crore thirty five lakhs. Certain seized drugs were found to be of spurious in nature, as the labels bear details of a non-existent company 'Astra Generics Pvt. Ltd.' whose licences had already been cancelled in July-2021; but the manufacturing date mentioned on the seized drugs is March-2023 in the name of said cancelled company.

The drugs seized bear the names of the following companies:

- 1) Astra Generics Pvt. Ltd., Telangana
- 2) Astrica Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., Telangana
- 3) Medion Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Alliance Biotech, Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Sunvet Healthcare, Himachal Pradesh,
- 6) Salus Pharmaceuticals, Himachal Pradesh
- 7) DM Pharma Pvt. Ltd, Himachal Pradesh
- 8) Safe Parenterals Pvt. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh
- 9) Bless Pharma India Pvt. Ltd., Telangana

Spurious drugs are a threat to public health. Spurious drugs not only fail to cure the disease but over time, create disastrous consequences for the patient. This detection of clandestine activity regarding spurious life-saving

Anti-cancer drugs is a major breakthrough and the seizure made by Drugs Control Administration, Telangana on 04th December, 2023 is the biggest seizure in the State of Telangana.

The prime accused in the case K. Sateesh Reddy, Director of Astrica Healthcare is absconding and efforts are being made to trace him to take legal action.



K. Sateesh Reddy, Director of Astrica Healthcare

(Prime Accused)



V.B. KAMALASAN REDDY, IPS

DIRECTOR GENERAL