



Government of Telangana Drugs Control Administration



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Advisory to All Retail and Wholesale Medical Shops and the General Public in the State of Telangana

Sub: Prescription Medicines – Sale by Medical Shops and Public Awareness to the General Public – **Advisory** – Reg.

It has come to the notice of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, that certain medical shops are indiscriminately selling prescription medicines, including habit-forming drugs and other medicines such as Mephentermine injections and Atracurium Besylate injections.

In view of the health risks associated with unsupervised use, certain medicines are classified under **Schedule H** of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, due to their high potential for abuse and dependence, habit-forming drugs are classified under **Schedule H1** and **Schedule X** of the Drugs Rules. Medicines included under these schedules are subject to stringent regulatory controls and can be sold only by licensed retail pharmacies against a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner. Maintenance of the prescribed records and registers for such drugs is mandatorily required under the Drugs Rules.

The abuse of habit-forming drugs and other prescription medicines, such as Mephentermine injections and Atracurium Besylate injections, can lead to severe health consequences. Continued misuse or overdose may result in respiratory depression, coma, and, in extreme cases, death.

All licensees are hereby reminded and reiterated that Schedule H, Schedule H1, and Schedule X drugs shall mandatorily be sold only against a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner.

Any illegal sale, diversion, or distribution of such prescription medicines for non-therapeutic or abusive purposes constitutes a serious violation of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules thereunder, and shall be dealt with strictly. **DCA, Telangana shall initiate stringent actions, including cancellation of drug licences and prosecution under the relevant provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.**

All medical shops are therefore advised to exercise utmost vigilance in dispensing such medicines and to maintain proper prescription records as mandated under the Rules.

The strict compliance of all stakeholders is mandatorily required to ensure that these prescription medicines are not diverted for misuse and that public health and safety are effectively safeguarded.

The public is advised to use prescription medicines strictly as directed by a Registered Medical Practitioner, as self-medication or misuse can have fatal consequences on health. The public is also urged to report any instances of illegal sale or misuse of prescription medicines to the Drugs Control Administration. Public cooperation is essential to curb drug abuse and safeguard public health and safety.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

To:

All the Medical Shops in the State,
Through the concerned Drugs Inspectors.

Copy to:

- All Enforcement Officers in the State to ensure strict compliance
- DCA Telangana Website - For Public Awareness