

Press Release

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials raided premises of a medical distributor in Kapra and seized huge stock of Insulin Injections of worth Rs. 5 Lakhs for stocking them 'in racks at room temperature' which could lead to degradation of Insulin and loss of potency of the injections.

Insulin is a temperature-sensitive drug which should be stored in a refrigerator at 2⁰C to 8⁰C temperature for maintaining efficacy of Insulin. Storage at a room temperature causes loss of potency and usage of such injections may adversely affect health of diabetes patients, as they fail to control blood sugar levels.

Brief details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, on credible information, raided premises of Sree Raja Rajeshwara Medical Distributors, D. No. 1-1-28/12, Ground Floor, Jai Jawan Colony, Kapra Village & Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and found huge quantity of thermo labile (temperature-sensitive) medicines - 'Insulin Injections' stored at room temperature in the racks of the premises along with other general drugs.

DCA officials seized stocks containing five varieties of medicines including Insulin Injections and Insulin Pens of total worth **Rs. 5.0 Lakhs** during the raid carried out on 18th January 2024 and 19th January, 2024.

K. Anil Kumar, Assistant Director, Serilingampally Zone, Sri T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad

and Sri. G. Anil Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet are among the officers who carried out the raid.

V. Sarani, Proprietor of Sree Raja Rajeshwara Medical Distributors is present during the raid. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana has been constantly on the vigil and alert to ensure supply of quality and efficacious drugs to the public in the State.

Insulin injections, which are used to control blood sugar levels in diabetes patients, are temperature-sensitive (thermo labile) medicines and are required to be stored in a refrigerator only at 2⁰C to 8⁰C temperature. Storage at a room temperature causes loss of potency and usage of such injections may adversely affect health of diabetes patients, as they fail to control blood sugar levels.

Diabetes is a progressive disorder, if not treated with a proper medicine, it could lead to disabling complications affecting multiple organs and systems in the body and may lead to Coronary heart disease, retinopathy, strokes, and nephropathy.

Stocking of Insulin Injections at 'Room temperature' in a medical shop is punishable under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with an imprisonment up to two years.

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