

Press Release

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana detected manufacturing of medicines in the guise of ‘food products/ nutraceuticals’ at Prashantinagar, Kukatpally.

Medicines ‘Glucosamine, Methyl sulfonyl methane and Diacerein Tablet’, ‘Pregabalin and Methylcobalamin Capsules’ are being manufactured falsely under a food licence at SL Health Care, IDA Pashanthinagar, Kukatpally and are being sold illegally to the medical shops.

Brief details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, on intelligence gathered, raided premises of S.L. Health Care, H.No. 5-5-35/34/A, IDA Prashanthi Nagar, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkagiri District, on 24th January, 2024, which is manufacturing medicines under a food licence/FSSAI licence and selling the products illegally as a food products/nutraceuticals.

During the raid, DCA officials found that the firm illegally manufactured and sold **two products** “ORTHO- D” (Glucosamine 750 mg, Methyl Sulfonyl Methane 250mg & Diacerin 50 mg Tablet) & “Pregavit-M” (Pregabalin 75 mg & Methylcobalamin 750 mcg Capsules) under a ‘food licence (FSSAI licence)’ falsely claiming them as food products/nutraceuticals.

DCA officials seized sale invoices, stereotypes, printed aluminium foil regarding **two products** “ORTHO- D” (Glucosamine 750 mg, Methyl Sulfonyl Methane 250mg & Diacerin 50 mg Tablet) B.No MZ-23015, Mfg.Dt: Dec 2023,

Exp.Dt: May 2025 & “Pregavit-M” (Pregabalin 75 mg & Methylcobalamin 750 mcg Capsules) B.No KF-2201, Mfg.Dt: Aug 2022, Exp.Dt: Jul 2025.

S.L. Health Care sold the drug ‘ORTHO-D’ to Balaji Pharma, Shop No. 130, MGC Market, Narsaraopet, and the drug ‘Pregavit-M’ to Unity Drugs H. No. 10-3-32/2, Vaddera Bazar, Narsaraopet as per the sales invoices of total worth **Rs. 2.90 lakhs**, which were seized during the raid.

The products ‘Glucosamine 750 mg, Methyl Sulfonyl Methane 250mg & Diacerin 50 mg Tablet’ and ‘Pregabalin 75 mg and Methylcobalamin 750 mcg Capsules’ are ‘drugs’ as per Drugs and Cosmetics Act. The product ‘Glucosamine 750 mg, Methyl Sulfonyl Methane 250mg & Diacerin 50 mg Tablet’ was approved as ‘drug’ by the Drugs Controller General (India) to treat ‘Osteoarthritis’ and the product ‘Pregabalin 75 mg and Methylcobalamin 750 mcg Capsules’ was approved as ‘drug’ by the Drugs Controller General (India) to treat ‘Peripheral Neuropathy in adult patients’.

The said two products shall be manufactured only under a ‘drug licence’ issued under Drugs and Cosmetics Act adhering to the ‘Good Manufacturing Practices’ (GMP) prescribed under Schedule-M of Drugs Rules and shall meet the quality standards prescribed in ‘Indian Pharmacopoeia’ (IP) mandatorily.

Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal, Smt. N. Sahaja, Drugs Inspector, Prashantinagar, Smt. M. Sreebindu, Drugs Inspector, Bachupally are among the officers who carried out the raid. Officers of the Vigilance Cell of Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, P. Ramu, Assistant Director and Ch. Karthik Siva Chaitanya, Drugs Inspector gathered information regarding the activities of the firm.

The drugs which are falsely manufactured and sold under a food licence are not manufactured in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and also fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) and such products may have serious implications on patient's health.

Manufacturing and selling of 'drugs' without a valid 'drug licence' is punishable under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with an imprisonment up to five years.

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