

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized a ‘drug’ by name ‘Fair & Bright Cream’, at Miryalguda, for making a claim on the label that it ‘improves skin colour’, which is a prohibited claim for ‘Drugs’ as per Drugs Rules.

B) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack’s clinic and seized drugs worth Rs. 50,000/- stocked for sale at Kaldurthy Village, Bodhan Mandal, Nizamabad District.

A) Seizure of ‘Fair & Bright Cream’ at Miryalguda, Nalgonda District for making a prohibited claim:

Drugs Control Administration officials of Nalgonda Zone detected a ‘drug’ which is moving in the market under brand name “FAIR & BRIGHT Cream” (Hydroquinone, Tretinoin & Mometasone Furoate Cream) with a prohibited claim ‘improves skin colour’ on its label.

The details are as follows:

On 29th January, 2024, DCA officials detected the drug “FAIR & BRIGHT Cream” (Hydroquinone, Tretinoin & Mometasone Furoate Cream) at Sri Gopi Krishna Medicals, Islampura, Miryalguda which claims on the label as:

"Hydroquinone in Fair & Bright lightens the dark patches of skin. Tretinoin in Fair and Bright improves the appearance of the skin by diminishing fine wrinkle lines. Reducing toughness and improving skin colour"

The product "FAIR & BRIGHT Cream" (Hydroquinone, Tretinoin & Mometasone Furoate Cream) is a 'drug' and the claim 'improves skin colour' is a prohibited claim for a 'drug' as per 'Schedule J' of Drugs Rules.

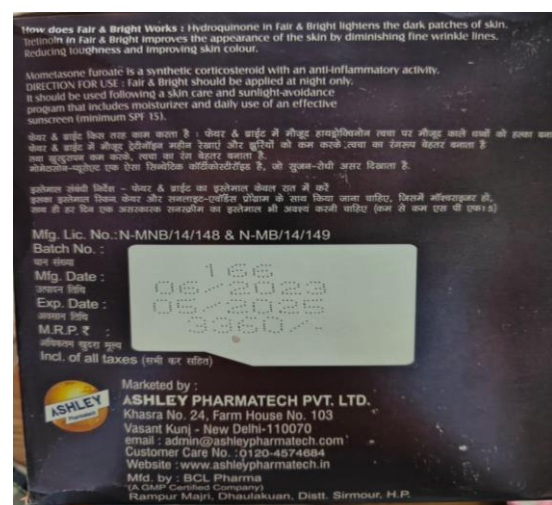
The said drug with a prohibited claim was manufactured by M/s. BCL Pharma, Rampur Majri, Dhaulakuan, Dist. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh and marketed by M/s. Ashley Pharmatech Pvt. Ltd., Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

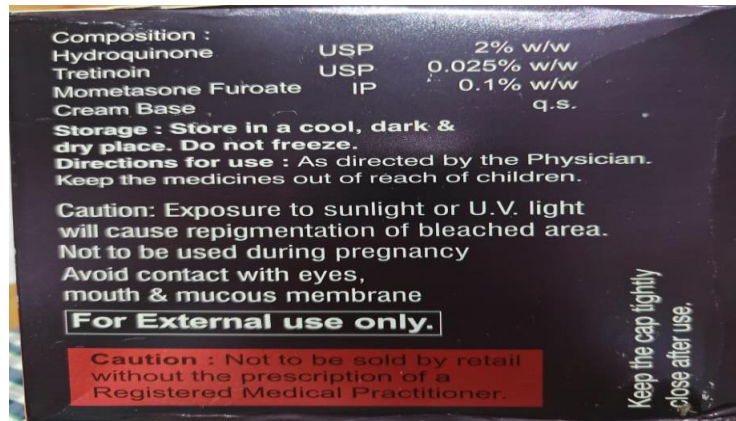
DCA officials seized stocks worth Rs. 10,080/- during the raid.

Sri. K. Dass, Assistant Director, Nalgonda and Sri. K. Someshwar, Drugs Inspector, Miryalguda, Sri. G. Surender, Drugs Inspector, Suryapet carried out the raid.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Photographs of the drug seized





B) Seizure at Kaldurthy Village, Bodhan Mandal, Nizamabad District:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, on credible information, raided premises of a quack Samaresh Halder, who is running a clinic at Kaldurthy Village, Bodhan Mandal, Nizamabad District, claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale.

DCA officials seized 52 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, anti ulcer drugs, antihypertensives, analgesics etc. of total worth **Rs. 50,000/-** during the raid.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials of Nizamabad Zone, on 29th January, 2024 raided premises of a quack Samaresh Halder, at Door No. 4-95/25, Kaldurthy Village, Bodhan Mandal, Nizamabad District, who is claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practising medicine without qualification at his clinic 'Shriya Clinic'.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug licence. 52 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, anti ulcer drugs, antihypertensives, analgesics etc. are found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock of total worth Rs. 50,000/- during the raid.

DCA officials detected several 'antibiotics' at the clinic during the raid. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by an unqualified person may have disastrous consequences on the health of public in rural areas, including emergence of 'Antimicrobial Resistance'.

Sri. N. Narsaiah, Assistant Director, Nizamabad and Smt. R. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad (Rural) carried out the raid.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such unqualified persons, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug licence, are also punishable under 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 licence before supplying medicines to them.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana issues drug licences for stocking and selling of medicines as per the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking of drugs for sale without a drug licence is punishable under Drugs and Cosmetics Act with an imprisonment up to five years.**

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana has been constantly on the vigil and alert to detect unlicensed stocking and sale of medicines by quacks.

Surprise checks are intensified on such unqualified persons who are carrying out stocking and sale of drugs without any drug licence. Stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.

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Photograph – Seizure at Kaldurthy Village, Bodhan Mandal, Nizamabad District



