

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced ‘PUBERGEN HP nu 2000’ Injections (Chorionic Gonadotropin injection IP) at Hanumakonda – MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

B) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack’s clinic and seized drugs worth Rs. 73,000/- stocked for sale at Bhanur Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District.

A) Seizure of overpriced ‘PUBERGEN HP nu 2000’ Injections (Chorionic Gonadotropin injection IP 2000 IU) at Hanumakonda:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized ‘PUBERGEN HP nu 2000’ Injections (Chorionic Gonadotropin injection IP 2000 IU) of Quantity: 55 vials on 29th January, 2024 at Hanumakonda.

The product Chorionic Gonadotropin injection IP 2000 IU sold under brand name ‘PUBERGEN HP nu 2000’ Injections’ is under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of product shall be in accordance with the ‘Ceiling Price’ fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

The product ‘PUBERGEN HP nu 2000’ (Chorionic Gonadotropin injection IP 2000 IU) of B. No: JBC32307, Mfg. Dt.: 08/2023, Exp. Dt.: 07/2026,

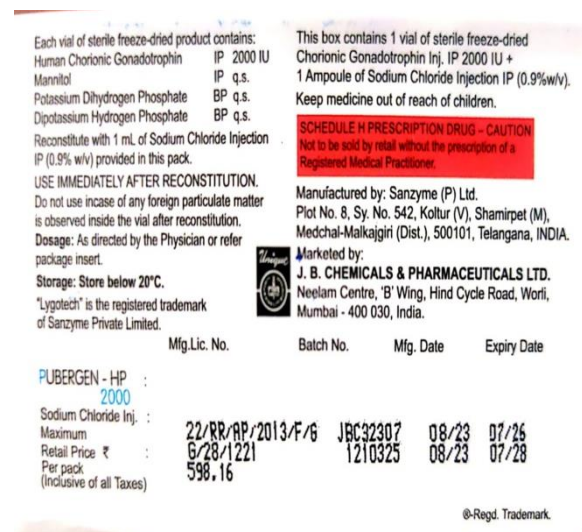
Manufactured by: M/s Sanzyme (P) Ltd., Koltur Village, Shamirpet Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana and Marketed by: M/s. J.B Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Mumbai **bears MRP as Rs. 598.16/- (for each vial) on the label of the product** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Chorionic Gonadotropin injection IP 2000 IU per vial” is **Rs. 343.64 (Ceiling Price)**.

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than Rs 384.87 per each vial (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

The firm overpriced the product. Each vial has been charged **excess of Rs. 231.29/-** i.e. 55.4 % excess MRP, which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**.

Photographs of the Product Seized for Price Violation



Worth of the stock seized during the raid is Rs.32,945/-.

Sri. C. Rajavardhana Chary, Deputy Director, Warangal, Dr. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal, Sri. J. Kiran Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Hanumakonda and Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal are among the officers who carried out the raid.

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

The prices of Essential Medicines shall be in accordance with the Ceiling Prices fixed by the Central Government. Overpricing of essential medicines is a violation under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.

B) Seizure at Bhanur Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District:

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

DCA officials seized 54 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, anti ulcer drugs, antihypertensives, analgesics etc. of total worth **Rs. 73,000/-** during the raid.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 29th January, 2024 raided premises of a quack Subrata Mandal, at Door No. 5-45, Bhanur Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District, who is claiming

himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practising medicine without qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug licence. 54 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. 73,000/- during the raid.

DCA officials detected several higher generation '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. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru and Sri. N. Ravikiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy 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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DIRECTOR GENERAL

**A) Photographs of Seizure of overpriced 'PUBERGEN HP nu 2000' Injections
(Chorionic Gonadotropin injection IP) at Warangal**



B) Photograph – Seizure at Bhanur Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District

