

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced anti-fungal drug 'GRISOLAB-250' Griseofulvin Tablets 250 mg at Kothagudem – MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

B) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials raided a medical shop at Jaklair Village, Makthal Mandal, Narayanpet District which is running illegally without a drug licence and seized huge stocks of medicines worth Rs. 1.20 lakhs.

A) Seizure of overpriced anti-fungal drug 'GRISOLAB-250' Griseofulvin Tablets 250 mg at Kothagudem:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'GRISOLAB-250' Griseofulvin Tablets 250 mg on 06th February, 2024 at Kothagudem.

The product Griseofulvin Tablets 250 mg sold under brand name 'GRISOLAB-250' 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 'GRISOLAB-250' Griseofulvin Tablets 250 mg of B.No : GGST-007, Mfg Dt: 04/2023 Exp Dt: 03/2026, Manufactured by: Laborate Pharmaceuticals India Ltd., 51, Industrial Area, Paonta Sahib, Himachal Pradesh. Marketed by: Gpp Axalade, Salwan, Haryana **bears MRP as Rs. 65/- for 10 tablets 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 "Griseofulvin Tablets 250 mg" is **Rs 17.7 for 10 tablets (Ceiling Price)**.

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than Rs. 19.83 for 10 tablets (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

The firm overpriced the product. A strip of 10 tablets has been **charged excess of Rs. 45.17 per 10 tablets**, 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. 4,095/-.

Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Khammam and Sri. Ch. Sampath Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bhadradi Kothagudem 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 Jaklair Village, Makthal Mandal, Narayanpet District:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials raided a medical shop at Jaklair Village, Makthal Mandal, Narayanpet District which is running illegally without a drug licence and seized huge stocks of medicines worth Rs. 1.20 lakhs.

M. Abdul Rasheed is running a medical shop illegally at Jaklair Village and selling drugs unlawfully without a drug licence. 33 varieties of medicines seized during the raid.

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, on credible information, raided a shop by name M/s. Amaan Medical and General stores, located at Door No. 4-25/1, Jaklair Village, Makthal Mandal, Narayanpet District on 06th February, 2024.

M. Abdul Rasheed is running a medical shop at the said premises illegally without a drug licence.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale. 33 varieties of medicines including antibiotic injections, IV fluids, analgesics, antihypertensive drugs, anti ulcer drugs, cough syrups etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 1.20 lakhs** during the raid.

Sri. B. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Director, Mahabubnagar, Sri. A. N. Kranthi Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Narayanpet, Sri. Md. Rafhi Shaik, Drugs Inspector, Jadcherla, G. Ravikiran, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool and Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubnagar are among the officers who 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.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana issues drug licences to medical shops/pharmacies in the State 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.**

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such 'illegal medical shops', which are running 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

medical shop/pharmacy holds a valid drug licence before supplying medicines to them.

Public should never buy medicines from ‘unlicensed’ medical shops. Risks to public are significantly increased when purchasing medicines from unlicensed and unregulated sources. Medicines shall be purchased only from licensed medical shops.

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Photograph – Seizure at Kothagudem



Photograph – Seizure at Jaklair Village, Makthal Mandal, Narayanpet District

