

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized Itraven-200 (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Madhira, Khammam – MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

B) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided two clinics run by quacks at Dundigal Village, Gandimaisamma Mandal and seized drugs of total worth **Rs. 75,000/- stocked for sale.**

A) Seizure of overpriced Itraven-200 (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Madhira, Khammam:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized Itraven-200 (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) on 13th February, 2024 at Madhira, Khammam.

The product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name 'Itraven-200' 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 Itraven-200 (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) of B. No: C-23276, Mfg. Dt. 10/2023 Exp. Dt. 9/2025 **Manufactured by:** M/s Sunlife Sciences, 130, Kurdi, Jhabrera Road, Manglour, Roorkee, Dist: Haridwar,

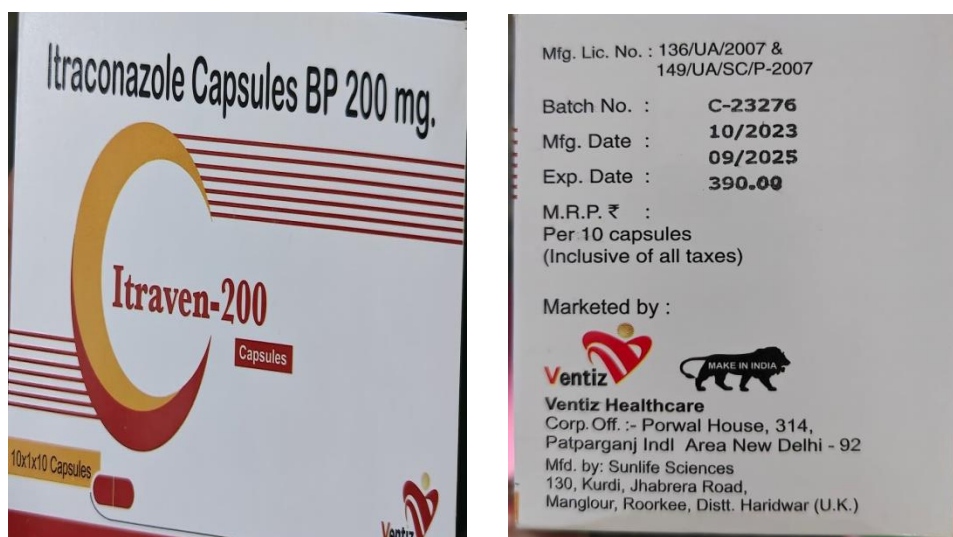
Uttarakhand. **Marketed by:** M/s Ventiz Healthcare, Porwal House, 314, Patparganj Indl. Area, New Delhi-92, **bears MRP as Rs. 390 for 10 capsules on the label of the product (i.e. Rs. 39 for one capsule)** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg” is **Rs. 22.12 for one capsule (Ceiling Price)**.

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 24.77 for one capsule (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)**

The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 14.22 for one capsule (i.e. 54.4% excess)**, 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.5,460/-.

Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Khammam and Sri. K. Devender Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Rural 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) Seizures carried out at clinics run by quacks at Dundigal Village, Gandimaisamma Mandal.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 13th February, 2024 raided premises of quacks T. Ravindra who is running Vaishnavi First Aid Centre and V. Vasudev who is running Bhavani First Aid Centre at Dundigal Village, Gandimaisamma Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. T. Ravindra and V. Vasudev are claiming themselves as 'Rural Medical Practitioners' and practising medicine without qualification at their clinics.

During the raids carried out at the said two premises, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked without any drug licence. 82 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, analgesics, anti ulcer drugs, antihypertensives etc. are found stocked at the two premises. DCA officials seized the stocks of total worth Rs. 75,000/- during the raids.

DCA officials detected several higher generation 'antibiotic injections' at the clinic during the raid. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by an unqualified

person may have disastrous consequences on the health of public, including emergence of '**Antimicrobial Resistance**'.

Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal, Smt. M. Hemalatha, Drugs Inspector, Gandimaisamma and Smt. M. Sreebindu, Drugs Inspector, Bachupally and Smt. N. Sahaja, Drugs Inspector, Kukatpally are among the officers who carried out the raids.

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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A) Photographs of Seizure carried out at Madhira, Khammam



B) Photographs of Seizure carried out at Dundigal Village, Gandimaisamma Mandal



