

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials raided an unlicensed godown in Uppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and seized a huge stock of medicines worth 3.50 lakhs.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Vitency Capsules' at Pet Basheerabad, Quthbullapur, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

A) Seizure of medicines at a godown in Uppal:

The details are as follows:

Based on intelligence gathered, officers of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted a raid on a godown situated at D. No. 2-4-604, Plot No. 20, Sarojini Nilayam, Ground floor, Road No. 9/A, New Nagole, Uppal Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District. Salla Santosh is operating the godown without a drug license and engaging in the illegal sale of medicines.

During the raid conducted on 17th February, Drugs Control Administration officers found several cardboard shipper cartons in the godown containing a substantial quantity of medicines. Eight varieties of medicines, including higher-generation antibiotics, pediatric syrups, anti-ulcer drugs, multivitamins, and multimineral medicines, etc., were detected in the godown during the raid.

The officers seized the stocks of medicines during the raid, with a total worth of **Rs. 3.50 lakhs**. Samples were lifted for analysis.

Dr. V. Balanaganjan, Assistant Director, Shameerpet, Sri B. Lakshminarayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal and Sri. B. Praveen, Drugs Inspector, Shameerpet are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana has been constantly vigilant and alert to detect unlicensed stocking and illegal sale of medicines. DCA, Telangana is actively gathering intelligence on the illegal sale of medicines, and surprise raids are being intensified on godowns engaging in stocking and selling drugs without any drug license. Stringent action shall be taken against violators in accordance with the law.

Illegal stocking and sale of medicines is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act with imprisonment for up to five years.

B) Seizure of 'Vitency Capsules' at Pet Basheerabad, Quthbullapur:

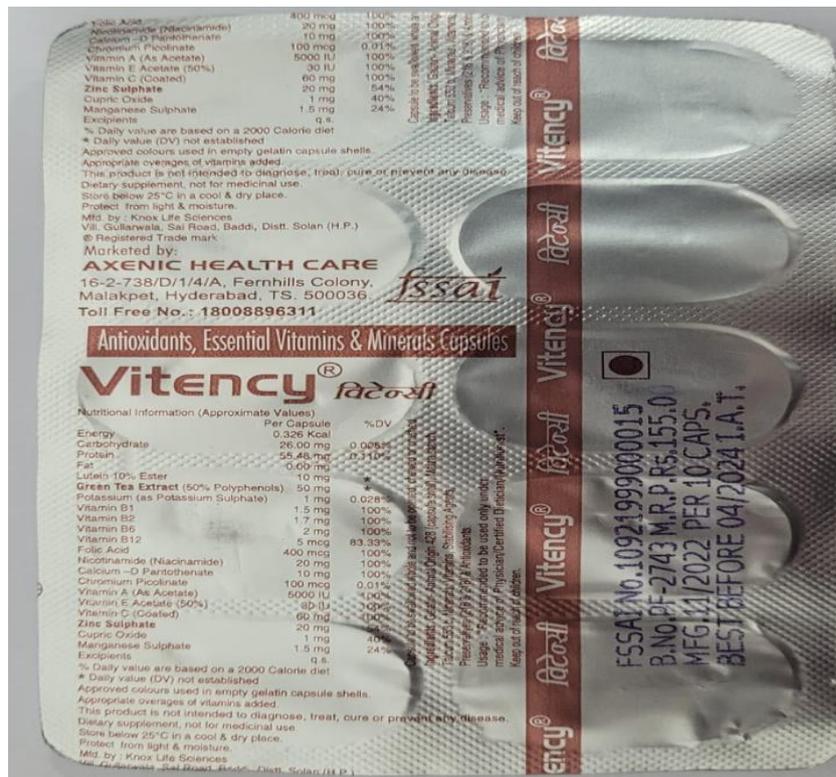
The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, on intelligence gathered, raided premises of Sri Blüten Pharmacy, Pet Basheerabad, Quthbullapur, on 17th February, 2024, and detected the product '**Vitency Capsules**', which was falsely manufactured under a 'food licence (FSSAI licence)' and falsely claimed as a food product/nutraceutical.

The capsules were found to be manufactured at Knox Life Sciences, Village Gullarwala, Sai Road, Baddi, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh and were being illegally marketed by Axenic Healthcare, Malakpet, Hyderabad, as a food product/nutraceutical.

The product 'Vitency Capsules' claims on the label that it contains vitamins in quantities falling within the therapeutic dose range. Therefore, according to Schedule-V of Drugs Rules, the product is considered a 'drug' used to treat vitamin deficiencies as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Photograph of the product seized



The product 'Vitency Capsules' must be manufactured only under a 'drug license' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, it must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Schedule-V of Drugs Rules and the 'Indian Pharmacopoeia' (IP) as mandated.

During the raid at Sri Bluten Pharmacy, Pet Basheerabad, Quthbullapur, DCA officers seized 'Vitency Capsules', Quantity: 30 capsules, B. No. PF-2743, bearing food licence / FSSAI Licence No. 10921999000015, Manufactured by: Knox Life Sciences, Village Gullarwala, Sai Road, Baddi, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh and Marketed by: Axenic Healthcare, Malakpet, Hyderabad. Samples were lifted for analysis.

Sri. M. Vijay Gopal, Assistant Director, Quthbullapur, Sri. E. Thirupathi, Drugs Inspector, Quthbullapur and Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Similar cases of 'drugs' being manufactured under a 'food license' were previously detected by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in November 2023 and January 2024, which were declared as 'spurious' by the Drugs Control Laboratory, Hyderabad, as the content of the active ingredient was found to be 'NIL' (i.e., zero drug) in the said products.

The drugs that are falsely manufactured and sold under a food license are not produced in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and often fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP). Such products pose serious risks to patients' health and may have severe implications.

Manufacturing and selling 'drugs' without a valid 'drug license' is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

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A) Photograph of Seizure at Uppal



B) Photograph of Seizure at Pet Basheerabad, Quthbullapur

