

Press Release

1) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, on 20th February, seized two overpriced medicines – MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

- a) Meroamp 1000 Injection (Meropenem Injection IP 1gm Vial) at Yousufguda, Hyderabad.
- b) Itradol-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Hayathnagar, Rangareddy District.

2) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, raided quacks' clinics on 20th February and seized drugs worth a total of Rs. 2.30 lakhs stocked for sale at:

- a) Gadepadu Village, Singareni Mandal, Khammam District
- b) Pashamylaram Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District

A) Seizure of overpriced medicines

The details are as follows:

On 20th February, 2024 Drugs Control Administration officials **seized two overpriced medicines:** Meroamp 1000 Injection (Meropenem Injection IP 1gm Vial) at Yousufguda, Hyderabad and Itradol-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Hayathnagar, Rangareddy District.

The product Meropenem Injection IP 1gm sold under brand name 'Meroamp 1000 Injection' and the product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under the brand name 'Itradol-200 Capsules' are under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of the products shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

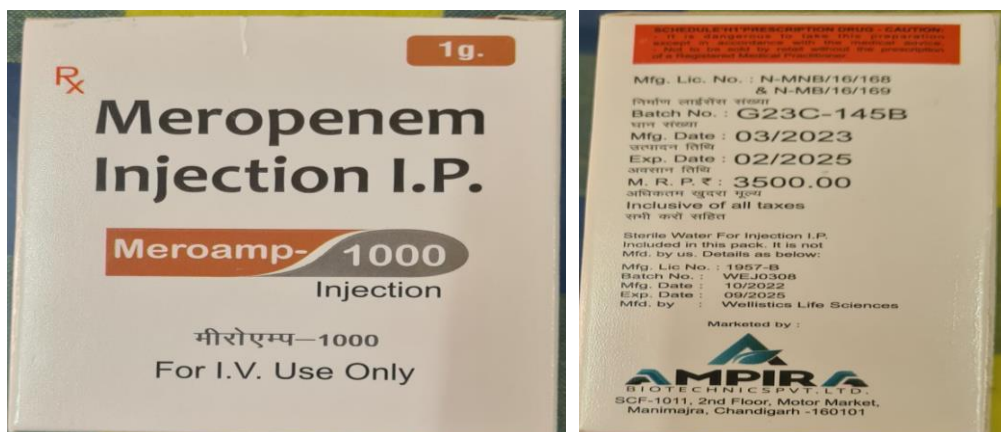
The details of the products seized for price violation are as follows:

Product details	Meroamp 1000 Injection (Meropenem Injection IP 1gm Vial) of B. No: G23C-145B, Mfg. Dt. 03/2023 Exp. Dt. 02/2025 Manufactured by: M/s GMT Pharma International, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. Marketed by: M/s Ampira Biotechnics Pvt. Ltd., Chandigarh.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 3500 for 1gram vial</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product "Meropenem Injection 1gm Vial"	Rs. 952.68 for 1 gm vial
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 1067 for 1 gram vial
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 2433 excess per each vial
Worth of the stock seized	Rs. 28,000/-

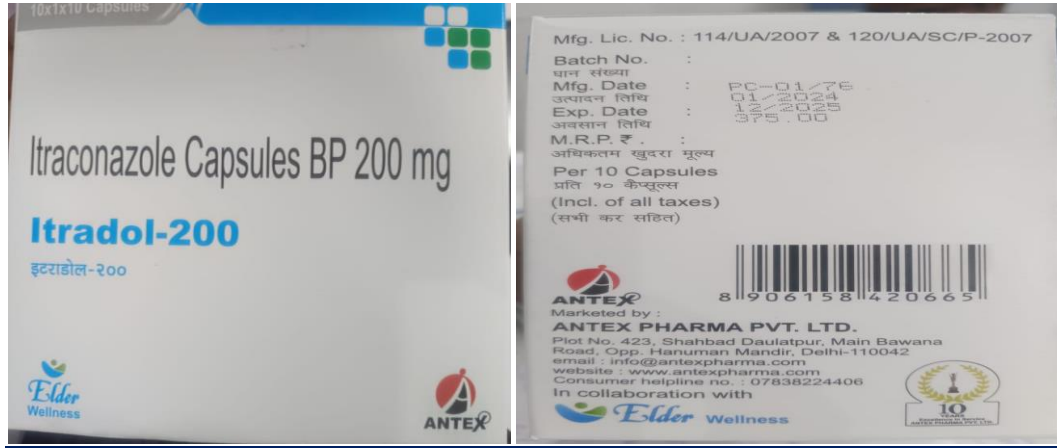
Product details	Itradol-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) of B. No: PC-01/76, Mfg. Dt. 01/2024 Exp. Dt. 12/2025 Manufactured by: M/s Progressive Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Roorkee, Uttarakhand. Marketed by: M/s Antex Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Main Bawana Road, Delhi-110042
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 375 for 10 capsules</u> on the label of the product (i.e. Rs. 37.5 for one capsule)
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg”	Rs. 22.12 for one capsule
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 24.77 for one capsule
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 12.73 excess per each capsule
Worth of the stock seized	Rs. 67,500/-

Photographs of the Products Seized for Price Violation

a) Meroamp-1000 Injection



b) Itradol-200 Capsules



Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad, Sri. C. Vivekananda Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Yousufguda, Sri. P. Santosh, Drugs Inspector, Mehdipatnam, Sri. V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Goshamahal are among the officers who carried out the raid at Yousufguda.

Smt. Anjum Abida, Assistant Director, Rangareddy, Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar are among the officers who carried out the raid at Hayathnagar.

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.

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B) Seizures carried out at clinics run by quacks at:

a) Gadepadu Village, Singareni Mandal, Khammam District

b) Pashamylaram Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 20th February, 2024 raided premises of quacks MD. Ismail who is running a clinic at D. No. 4-18, Gadepadu Village, Singareni Mandal, Khammam District and G. Nageshwar Rao who is running a clinic at D. No. 4-24, Pashamylaram Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District. MD. Ismail and G. Nageshwar Rao 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. 150 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. 2.30 lakhs** during the raids.

Sri. K. Devender Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Rural, Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Urban and Ch. Sampath Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bhadradri-Kothagudem are among the officers who carried out the raid at **Khammam District**.

Sri. M. Varaprasad, Drugs Inspector, Pashamylaram and Sri. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru are among the officers who carried out the raid at **Sangareddy District**.

DCA officials detected several higher generation 'antibiotic injections' at the clinics during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by an unqualified person may have disastrous consequences on the health of rural public, including emergence of '**Antimicrobial Resistance**'.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation will be carried out, and action will 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 license, are also punishable under the 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 license before supplying medicines to them.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

Surprise checks are intensified on such unqualified persons who are engaged in stocking and selling drugs without any drug license. Stringent action will be taken as per the law against violators.

The public may report any complaints regarding illegal activities concerning medicines through the **Drugs Control Administration, Telangana**

Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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A) Photograph of Seizure carried out at Yousufguda, Hyderabad



B) Photographs of Seizure carried out at Hayathnagar, Rangareddy Dist.



C) Seizure carried out at Gadepadu Village, Singareni Mandal, Khammam District



D) Seizure carried out at Pashamylaram Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District

