

**Press Release**

**1) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, on 21<sup>st</sup> February, seized two overpriced anti-fungal medicines** – MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

- a) Itraber-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at **Siddipet.**
- b) Itraley-100 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) at **Balanagar Village, Mahbubnagar District.**

**2) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, raided quacks' clinics on 21<sup>st</sup> February and seized drugs worth a total of Rs.51,500/- stocked for sale at:**

- a) **Ambatipally Village, Lingal Mandal, Nagarkurnool District**
- b) **Tadban, Hyderabad**

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**A) Seizure of overpriced medicines**

The details are as follows:

On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 Drugs Control Administration officials **seized two overpriced medicines:** Itraber-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at **Siddipet** and Itraley-100 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) at **Balanagar Village, Mahbubnagar District.**

The product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name 'Itraber-200 Capsules' and the product Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg sold

under the brand name 'Itraley-100 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:

<b>Product details</b>	<b>Itraber-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg)</b> of B. No: WHC05210, Mfg. Dt. 09/2023 Exp. Dt. 08/2025 <b>Manufactured by:</b> M/s Warner Hindustan Pvt. Ltd., IDA Uppal, Telangana. <b>Marketed by:</b> M/s Noel Pharma India Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 450 for 10 capsules</u> on the label of the product (i.e. Rs. 45 for one capsule)
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product "Meropenem Injection 1gm Vial"	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
<b>Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013</b>	<b>Rs. 20.22/- excess per each capsule</b>
Worth of the stock seized	Rs. 9,000/-

<b>Product details</b>	<b>Itraley-100 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg)</b> of B. No: CITLY-1-2301, Mfg. Dt. 06/2023 Exp. Dt. 05/2025 <b>Manufactured by:</b> M/s Konis Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Solan, Himachal Pradesh. <b>Marketed by:</b> M/s Charley's Formulations, SAP Road-522 601.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 200 for 10 capsules on the label of the product (i.e. Rs. 20 for one capsule)</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product "Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg"	Rs. 16.67 for one capsule
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 18.69 for one capsule
<b>Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013</b>	<b>Rs. 13.10/- excess for 10 capsules</b>
Worth of the stock seized	Rs. 3,600/-

Dr. J. Raju, Assistant Director, Siddipet, and Smt. S. Vinay Sushmi, Drugs Inspector, Siddipet are among the officers who carried out the raid at Siddipet.

Sri. B. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Director, Mahbubnagar, Sri. Md. Rafhi Shaik, Drugs Inspector, Jadcherla, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahbubnagar are among the officers who carried out the raid at Balanagar Village, Mahbubnagar District.

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) Ambatipally Village, Lingal Mandal, Nagarkurnool District**

**b) Tadban, Hyderabad**

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 raided premises of quacks D. Hanmanth Reddy who is running a clinic at D. No. 2-72, Ambatipally Village, Lingal Mandal, Nagarkurnool District and Ayyub Khan who is running a clinic at D. No. 19-4-278/3/A, Nawabsaheb Kunta, Tadban, Hyderabad. D. Hanmanth Reddy and Ayyub Khan 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. 45 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, analgesics, anti ulcer drugs, etc. are found stocked at the two premises. DCA officials seized the stocks of total worth **Rs.51,500/-** during the raids.

Sri. B. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Director, Mahbubnagar, Sri. G. Ravi Kiran, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool, Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy are among the officers who carried out the raid at **Nagarkurnool District**.

Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad, Smt. B. Lakshmi, Drugs Inspector, Charminar and Smt. Ch. Swapna, Drugs Inspector, Jubilee Hills are among the officers who carried out the raid at [Tadban, Hyderabad](#).

DCA officials detected several higher generation 'antibiotics' at the clinics during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by an unqualified person may have disastrous consequences on the health of 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.

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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.

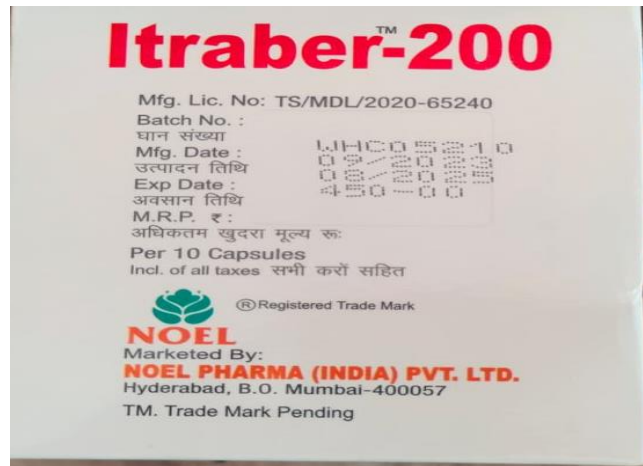
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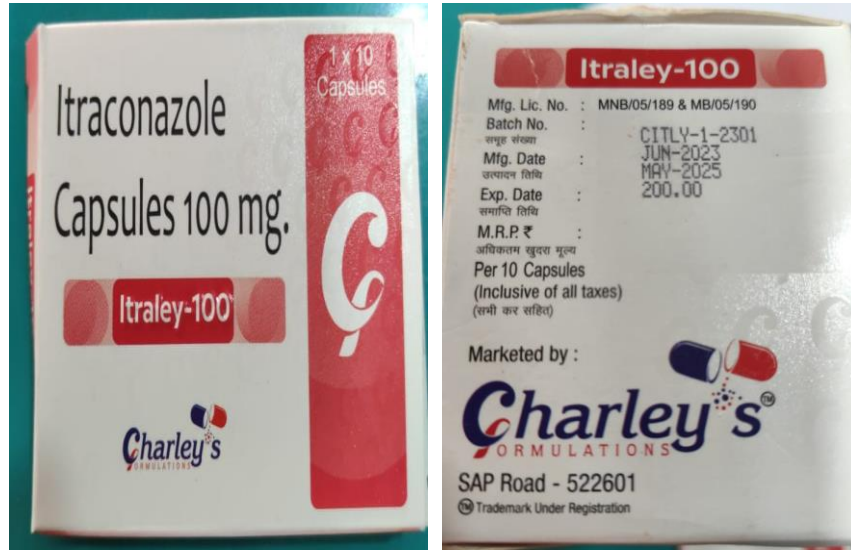
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Photographs of the Products Seized for Price Violation

a) Itraber-200 Capsules



## b) Itraley-100 Capsules



## A) Photograph of Seizure carried out at Siddipet





**B) Photographs of Seizure carried out at Balanagar Village, Mahbubnagar Dist.**



**C) Seizure carried out at Ambatipally Village, Lingal Mandal, Nagarkurnool District**





## D) Seizure carried out at Tadban, Hyderabad

