

Press Release

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced antibiotic **Donem Injection (Meropenem injection IP 1 g) at **Armoor, Nizamabad District** – The Maximum Retail Price (MRP) indicated is significantly higher compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.**

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized overpriced antibiotic **Donem Injection (Meropenem injection IP 1 g)** on 26th February, 2024 at Armoor, Nizamabad District.

The product Meropenem injection IP 1 g sold under brand name 'Donem' 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.

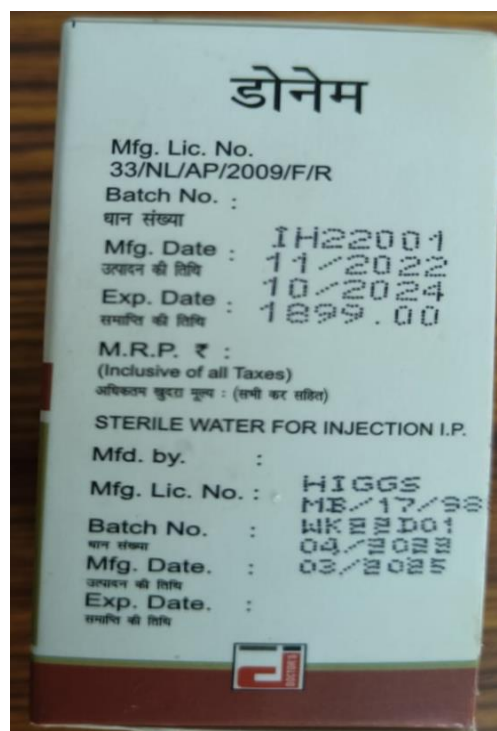
The product **Donem Injection (Meropenem injection IP 1 g)** of B. No. IH22001 Mfg. Dt. 11/2022, Exp. Dt. 10/2024 **Manufactured by:** Doctor's Life Sciences (India) Ltd., S. No. 263/1, 264/1, P.R. Palem Village, Kovur Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, **bears MRP as Rs. 1899/- for 1 g vial on the product label** which is a violation of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product "Meropenem injection IP 1 g" is **Rs. 952.68 for 1 g vial (Ceiling Price)**.

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 1067 for 1 g vial** (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 832/-** for one vial, 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. 36,081/-**.

Smt. R. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Rural carried out the raid under the supervision of Smt. P. Sarala, Deputy Director, Nizamabad and Sri. N. Narsaiah, Assistant Director, Nizamabad.

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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Photograph of Seizure carried out at Armoor, Nizamabad District

