

## Press Release

**Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a clinic run by a quack and an unlicensed medical shop at Pocharam Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, and seized drugs worth a total of **Rs. 1.15 lakhs** illegally stocked for sale.**

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The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration of the **Ranga Reddy Zone** conducted raids on the premises of a medical shop located at D. No. 2-104/7, Pocharam Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, owned by G. Narsimha. The shop was found to be operating without a drug license. Additionally, the officials raided the premises of Mantharala Ramthu Basha, who operates a clinic at D. No: 2-101/A/1, Pocharam Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. Mantharala Ramthu Basha falsely claims to be a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practices medicine without the necessary qualifications at his clinic.

During the raids conducted at the aforementioned **two premises**, officials from the Drugs Control Administration discovered large quantities of medicines stocked without the necessary drug licenses. A total of 145 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, analgesics, anti-ulcer drugs, etc., were found stocked at these two locations. The DCA officials seized the stocks, which amounted to a total worth of **Rs. 1.15 lakhs**, during the raids.

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

Sri. B. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Director, Ranga Reddy, Sri. V. Ravikumar, Drugs Inspector, Balapur, Sri. B. Praveen Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Shameerpet, Sri. Mohd. Rafhi Shaik, Drugs Inspector, Jadcherla, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar, and Sri. J. Nagaraju, Drugs Inspector, Saroornagar 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 unlicensed entities, which 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.**

Surprise checks are intensified on such unlicensed entities which 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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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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Photographs - Seizures carried out at **two** unlicensed premises in Pocharam Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District





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