

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by unlicensed practitioners, commonly known as **quacks, and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at four separate locations across the State, including:**

- 1) Polamapalli Village, Singareni Mandal, Khammam District**
- 2) Terpole Village, Kondapur Mandal, Sangareddy District**
- 3) Manchippa Village, Mogpal Mandal, Nizamabad District**
- 4) Sugur Village, Pebbair Mandal, Wanaparthy District**

During the special raids at the quacks' clinics, stocks worth a total of **Rs. 3.18 lakhs were seized.**

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **'Orthojoint Oil,' an Ayurvedic medicine, in Mancherla for making **misleading advertisement** that it treats **'Paralysis'** and **'Rheumatism'** (inflammation, stiffness, and pain in the joints or muscles).**

C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **overpriced antibiotic ointment **'Mupicare 5gm'** (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) at Alair, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.**

A) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics in four separate locations across the State:

The details are as follows:

On March 28th, 2024, based on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks who were claiming themselves as 'Rural Medical Practitioners' and practicing medicine without proper qualifications at their clinics.

During the raids at the following premises, substantial quantities of medicines **stocked for sale without a drug license** were found.

Sl. No.	Name of the Quack	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked	Worth of the medicines seized
1.	Easala Raju	D. No. 2-130, Polamapalli Village, Singareni Mandal, Khammam District	75 varieties	Rs. 2 lakhs
2.	Mithun Bala	D. No. 8-46-T/94, Shop No: 1, Terpole Village, Kondapur Mandal Sangareddy District	35 varieties	Rs. 1 lakh
3.	Sherla Shyam Goud	D. No. 4-117, Manchippa Village, Mogpal Mandal Nizamabad District	11 varieties	Rs. 10,000/-
4.	V. Srikanth	D No: 2-64/1, Sugur Village, Pebbair Mandal, Wanaparthy District.	35 varieties	Rs. 8,000/-

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

Officials found **'steroids'** at the clinics of quacks. Misusing steroids can have serious health consequences, including immune system suppression, hormonal imbalances, muscle and bone weakness, cardiovascular problems, and psychological effects. The indiscriminate use of steroids poses significant risks to public health.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 3.18 lakhs**, during the special raids.

Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Khammam, Sri. K. Devender Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Rural, Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Urban, Sri. Ch. Sampath Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bhadradi-Kothagudem, Sri. N. Ravikiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy, Sri. M. Varaprasad, Drugs Inspector, Pashamylaram, Smt. R. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Rural, Smt. A, Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy and Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahbubnagar are among the officers who carried out the raid.

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.

B) Seizure of ayurvedic medicine 'Orthojoint Oil' in Mancherial for making misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

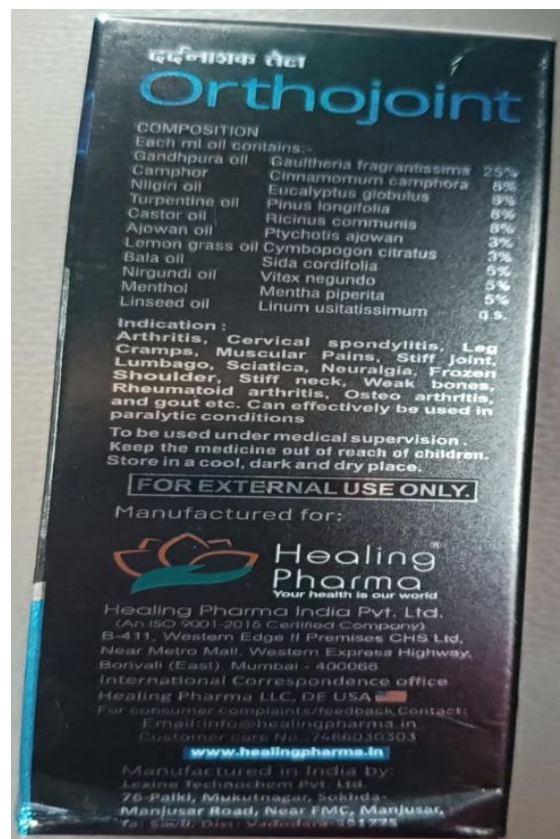
Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected an ayurvedic medicine '**Orthojoint Oil**' moving in the market with **misleading claim** on its labels that it treats '**Paralysis**' and '**Rheumatism**' (**inflammation, stiffness, and pain in the joints or muscles**), which is a contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding

the diseases/disorders indicated under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special raid conducted on 28th March to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, **DCA Mancherial officials** detected '**Orthojoint Oil**', Manufactured by: Lexine Technochem Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara, Gujarat. Manufactured for: Healing Pharma India Pvt. Ltd., Borivali (East), Mumbai. The label of the product bears a **misleading claim** stating that it is '**indicated in Rheumatoid Arthritis and that it can effectively be used in paralytic conditions**'.

Photographs of the product seized for making misleading advertisement



The said ayurvedic medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical store in Mancherial. Stocks were seized during the raid.

Advertisement of a medicine for treatment of 'Paralysis' and 'Rheumatism' is prohibited under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. M. Srinivasulu, Assistant Director, Karimnagar, Smt. T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancherial are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Persons who make misleading advertisements regarding drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders are punishable under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

C) Seizure of overpriced antibiotic ointment 'Mupicare 5gm' (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) at Alair, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'Mupicare 5gm' (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) on 28th March, 2024 at Alair, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District.

The product Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w sold under brand name 'Mupicare 5gm' 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 '**Mupicare 5gm**' (**Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w**) of B. No: M1671A, Mfg. Dt. 04/2023 Exp. Dt. 03/2025 **Manufactured by:** Marine Life Sciences, HPSIDC, Baddi Distt. Solan -173205, Himachal Pradesh. **Marketed by:** Mancare Health Pvt Ltd, Patparganj, Delhi, **bears MRP as Rs. 165/- for 5 gm pack on the label of the product** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government including Wholesale Price Index for the product "Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w" is **Rs. 20.29 per 1 gm i.e. Rs. 101.45 per 5 gm (Ceiling Price).**

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 113.6 per 5 gm tube** (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

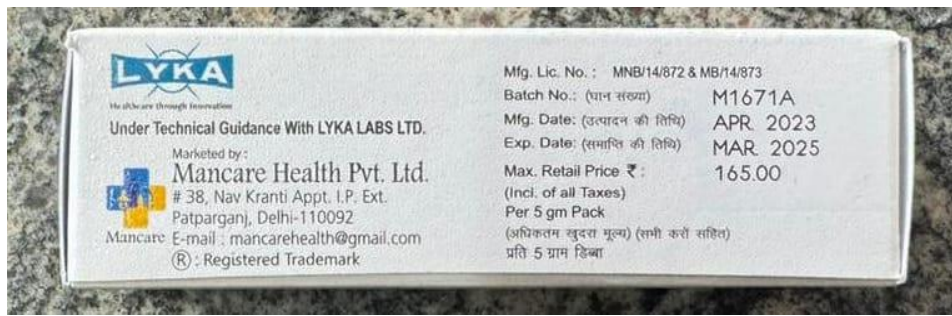
The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 51.38/- per 5 gm tube**, which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.**

Sri. J. Ashwin Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri and Sri. A. Balakrishna, Drugs Inspector, Jangaon are among the officers who carried out the raid.

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.

Photographs of the Product Seized for Price Violation



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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DIRECTOR GENERAL

**Photograph of Seizure carried out at Polamapalli Village, Singareni Mandal,
Khammam District**



**Photograph of Seizure carried out at Terpole Village, Kondapur Mandal,
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Photograph of Seizure of Orthojoint Oil at Mancherial for Misleading Advertisement



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