

## **Press Note**

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 **three separate locations** across the State, including:

- 1) Vepur Village, Hanwada Mandal, Mahabubnagar District
- 2) Jangaon, Jangaon District
- 3) Film Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad

During the special raids at the quacks' clinics, stocks worth a total of **Rs. 2.56 lakhs** were seized.

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**Raids conducted at quacks' clinics in three separate locations across the State:**

The details are as follows:

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April, 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.	Bandari Venkata Swamy	D.No.1-66, Vepur Village, Hanwada Mandal, Mahabubnagar Dist.	36 varieties	Rs. 1,00,000/-
2.	Chintakindi Yadagiri	D. No. 6-3-25, Suryapet Road, Jangaon	43 varieties	Rs. 56,000/-
3.	Annapureddy Rajalakshmi	Film Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad	40 varieties	Rs. 1,00,000/-

During the raid carried out at the quack's clinic in Vepur Village, Hanwada Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, officials found 36 varieties of drugs, including 10 varieties of expired drugs and 12 varieties of Physician's Samples.

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. 2.56 lakhs**, during the special raids.

Smt. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal, Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahbubnagar, Sri. A. Balakrishna, Drugs Inspector, Jangaon, Smt. Ch. Swapna, Drugs Inspector, Jubilee Hills, Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal, Smt. B. Lakshmi, Drugs Inspector, Charminar and Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy 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.

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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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Photograph of Seizure carried out at Quack's clinic in Vepur Village,  
Hanwada Mandal, Mahabubnagar District



**Photograph of Seizure carried out at Quack's clinic in Jangaon**



**Photograph of Seizure carried out at Quack's clinic in Film Nagar,  
Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad**

