

## Press Note

**A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized two overpriced medicines at Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy District – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government. Stocks worth a total of Rs. 5.52 lakhs were seized.**

- a) Itrarole-100 (Itraconazole Capsules BP 100 mg)**
- b) Itrarole-200 (Itraconazole Capsules BP 200 mg)**

**B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Bowrampet Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.**

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**A) Seizure of overpriced medicines at Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy District**

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials **seized two overpriced medicines:** Itrarole-100 (Itraconazole Capsules BP 100 mg) and Itrarole-200 (Itraconazole Capsules BP 100 mg) at a medical shop in Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy District during the raids conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024

The product Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg sold under brand name 'Itrarole -100' and the Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name 'Itrarole -200' 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>Itrarole-100</b> (Itraconazole Capsules BP 100 mg), <b>B. No:</b> SHA-6704, <b>Mfg Dt:</b> 06/2023 <b>Exp Dt:</b> 05/2025 <b>Manufactured by:</b> Sunfine Health Care, Plot No. 63, Ind. Area, Lodhimajra, Tehsil - Baddi, Dist: Solan, Himachal Pradesh. <b>Marketed by:</b> Gementis Life sciences Pvt. Ltd, Karnal - 132001, Haryana.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 310 for 10 capsules</u> on the label of the product (i.e. Rs. 31 for one capsule)
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government, including Whole Sale Price Index (WPI) for the product "Itraconazole Capsules 100 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. 18.67 for one capsule
<b>Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013</b>	<b>Rs. 12.33 excess per each capsule</b>
Worth of the stock seized	Rs. 30,690/-

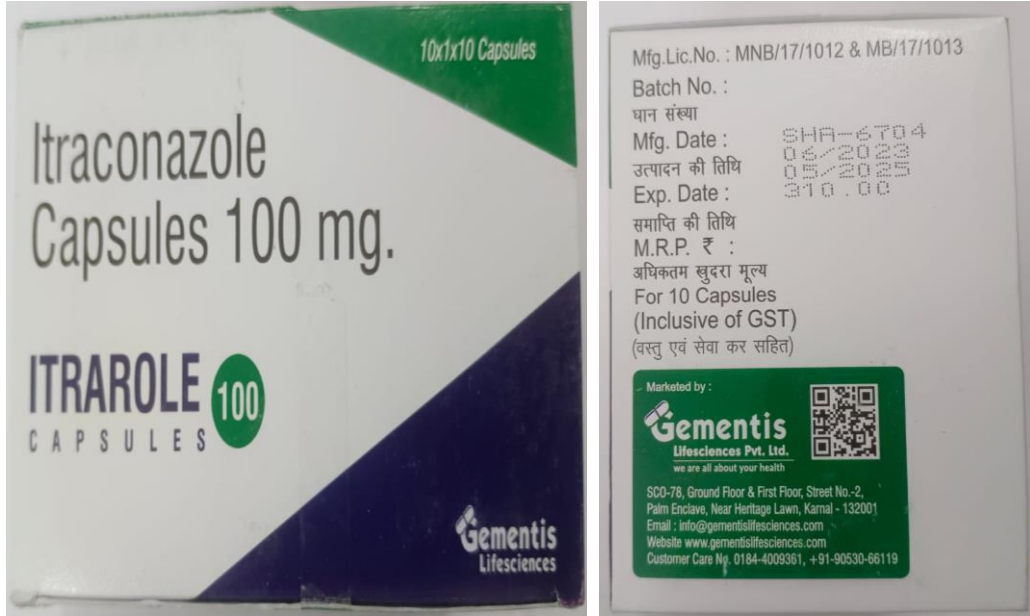
<b>Product details</b>	<b>Itrarole-200</b> (Itraconazole Capsules BP 200 mg), <b>B. No:</b> SHA-7146, <b>Mfg Dt:</b> 01/2024 <b>Exp Dt:</b> 12/2025 <b>Manufactured by:</b> Sunfine Health Care, Plot No. 63, Ind. Area, Lodhimajra, Tehsil - Baddi, Dist: Solan, Himachal Pradesh. <b>Marketed by:</b> Gementis Life sciences Pvt. Ltd, Karnal - 132001, Haryana.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 435 for 10 capsules</u> on the label of the product (i.e. Rs. 43.5 for one capsule)
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government, including Whole Sale Price Index (WPI) for the product "Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg"	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. 18.73 excess per each capsule</b>
Worth of the stock seized	Rs. 5,22,000/-

Smt. Anjum Abida, Assistant Director, Rangareddy, Sri. Raju Laxmalla, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar, Sri. V. Ravikumar, Drugs Inspector, Balapur, Sri. J. Nagaraju, Drugs Inspector, Saroornagar are among the officers who carried out the raid at Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy District.

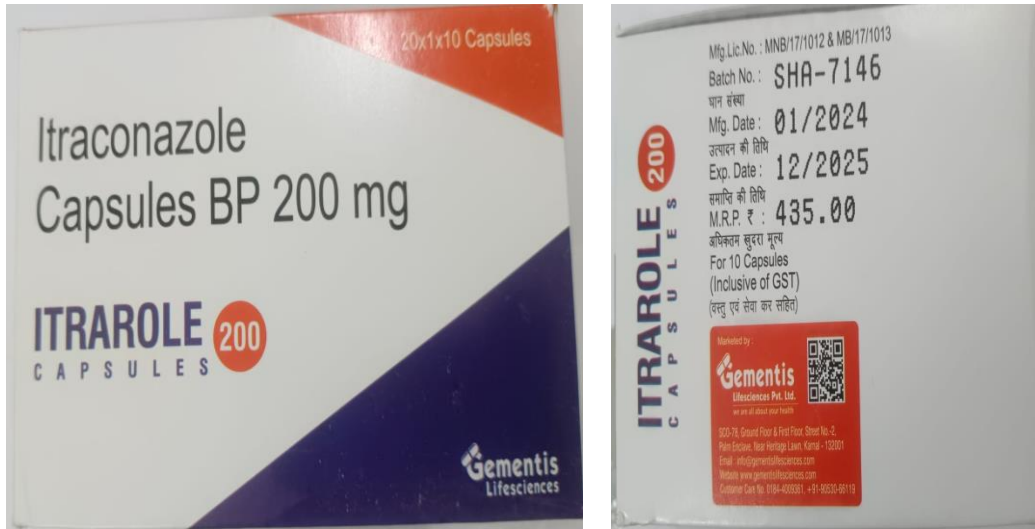
Stocks worth a total of **Rs. 5.52 lakhs** were seized during the raid.

## Photographs of the Products Seized for Price Violation

### a) Itrarole-100 Capsules



### b) Itrarole-200 Capsules



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) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Bowrampet Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.**

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024 raided the premises of a quack V. Naresh, at Bowrampet Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, who was claiming himself as a 'Medical Practitioner' and practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic 'Jayasri First Aid Centre'.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug license. 26 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, analgesics, anti-ulcer drugs, etc., were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 15,000 during the raid.

DCA officials detected several '**antibiotics**' at the clinic during the raid. 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 clinic of quack. 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.

Smt. M. Hemalatha, Drugs Inspector, Gandimaisamma carried out the raid under the supervision of Sri. G. Srinivas, Assistant Director, Medchal.

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.

**Date: 23-04-2024**

**V.B. KAMALASAN REDDY, IPS**

**DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**A) Photograph of Seizure of overpriced medicines at Vanasthalipuram,  
Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy District**





**B) Photograph of Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Bowrampet Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.**



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