

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized certain medicines due to misleading advertisements:

- 1) CARDINOL JOSHANDA**, a Unani medicine, claimed to treat '**heart diseases**'.
- 2) Colinol-SPAS TABLETS**, an allopathic medicine, claimed to treat '**disorders of menstrual flow**'.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Yamanpalle Village, Mahamutharam Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District.

A) Seizure of Medicines with Misleading Advertisements in Hyderabad:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected certain medicines circulating in the market with misleading claims on their labels, stating that they treat '**heart diseases**' and '**disorders of menstrual flow**'. Such claims are in 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 drive conducted on 23rd & 24th April to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

Drugs Inspector, Goshamahal detected '**CARDINOL JOSHANDA**', a Unani medicine, Manufactured by: Ahmed & Company, Gaganpahad, Hyderabad-509323. The product label bears a **misleading claim** stating that **it clears the heart blockages**. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid conducted at a medical shop in M.J. Market, Abids, Hyderabad.

Drugs Inspector, Yousufguda detected '**Colinol-SPAS TABLETS**', (Mefenamic Acid and Dicyclomine Hydrochloride Tablets IP), an allopathic medicine, Manufactured by: Vivimed Labs Ltd., Plot No. 25, Kundeshwari Village, Kashipur- 244713, Uttarakhand. The label of the product bears a **misleading claim** stating that the product treats **spasmodic dysmenorrhea, menstrual disorders**. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid conducted at a medical shop in Madhuranagar, Hyderabad.

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of '**heart diseases**' and '**disorders of menstrual flow**' is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad, Sri. V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Goshamahal, Sri. C. Vivekanda Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Yousufguda and Sri. P. Santosh, Drugs Inspector, Mehdipatnam are among the officers who carried out the raids.

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

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisement



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.

B) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Yamanpalle Village, Mahamutharam Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 23rd April, 2024 raided the premises of a quack K. Narender, at Yamanpalle Village,

Mahamutharam Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District, who was claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug license. 29 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, analgesics, anti-ulcer drugs, etc., were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of **Rs. 26,800** during the raid.

DCA officials detected several higher generation '**antibiotic injections**' 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**'.

Smt. P. Pavani, Drugs Inspector, Bhupalpally and Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal 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.

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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A) Photograph of Seizures carried out for misleading advertisements in Hyderabad



B) Photographs of the Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Yamanpalle Village, Mahamutharam Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District


