

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Oxifer-XT Tablets' (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) in Alwal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, and 'Nurovis-LC Tablets' (L-Carnitine L-Tartrate, Methylcobalamin and Folic Acid Tablets) in Lakshmakapally Village, Mulugu Mandal, Siddipet District which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized certain medicines due to misleading advertisements:

- 1. PATHARCHATADI (STONE CRACKER), an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Kidney Stones'.**
- 2. VAT RAKSHAS RAS Tablets, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Radio-Ulnar Neuritis, Lock Jaw and Paralysis'.**

C) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by quacks / unauthorized practitioners and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at two separate locations, including:

- 1) Kokapet Village, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District**
- 2) Musheerabad, Hyderabad**

A) Seizure of drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 25th and 26th April, DCA officials detected two drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

- Drugs Control Administration officials of Quthbullapur Zone have detected the product **'Oxifer-XT Tablets'** (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc

Tablets) circulating in the market. These tablets were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical.

The tablets were found to be illegally manufactured at Eminent Remedies, Plot No: 9/1/A, Road No.14, Near Telangana Foods, IDA, Nacharam, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and were being marketed by Organic Pharma, H. No. 7-67/G3, Hyderabad as a food product/nutraceutical.

- Drugs Control Administration officials of Siddipet Zone have detected the product '**Nurovis-LC Tablets**' (L-Carnitine L-Tartrate, Methylcobalamin and Folic Acid Tablets) circulating in the market. These tablets were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical.

The tablets were found to be illegally manufactured at Kencure Pharmaceuticals, SN Puram, Road No. 10, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. and were being marketed by Thanvi Pharma, Nagole, Hyderabad as a food product/nutraceutical.

As per the label claims of the products, they are classified as 'drugs' according to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

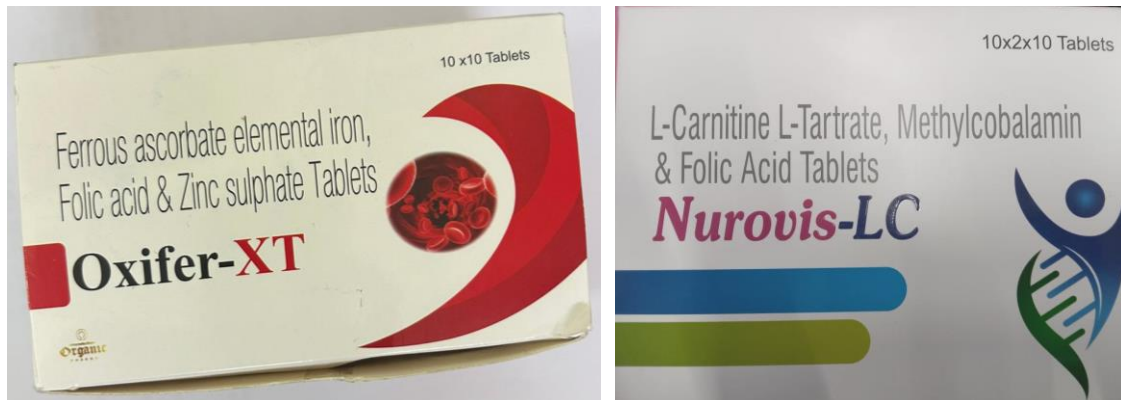
The products '**Oxifer-XT Tablets**' (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) and '**Nurovis-LC Tablets**' (L-Carnitine L-Tartrate, Methylcobalamin and Folic Acid Tablets) must be manufactured only under a 'drug license' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, it must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Indian Pharmacopoeia' (IP) as mandated.

Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri and Sri. T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra are among the officers who carried out the raid at a medical shop in Alwal.

Smt. S. Vinay Sushmi, Drugs Inspector, Siddipet carried out the raid at a medical shop in Lakshmakkapally Village, Mulugu Mandal, Siddipet District under

the supervision of Dr. J. Raju, Assistant Director, Siddipet. Samples were lifted for analysis during the raids.

Photographs of the products falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'



Similar cases of 'drugs' being manufactured under a 'food license' were previously detected by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in November 2023 and January 2024, which were declared as 'spurious' by the Drugs Control Laboratory, Hyderabad, as the content of the active ingredient was found to be 'NIL' (i.e., zero drug) in the said products.

The drugs that are falsely manufactured and sold under a food license are not produced in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and often fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP). Such products pose serious risks to patients' health and may have severe implications.

Manufacturing and selling 'drugs' without a valid 'drug license' is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

B) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:

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 '**Kidney Stones**' and '**Radio-Ulnar Neuritis, Lock Jaw and**

Paralysis'. 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 25th & 26th April to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

Drugs Inspector, Kukatpally detected **PATHARCHATADI (STONE CRACKER)**, an Ayurvedic medicine, Manufactured by: Rajputana Agrico, Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The product label bears a **misleading claim** stating that it treats '**Kidney Stones**'. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid conducted at a medical shop in KPHB, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

Drugs Inspector, Jagtial detected **VAT RAKSHAS RAS Tablets**, an Ayurvedic medicine, Manufactured by: Aura Nutraceuticals Ltd, 215, Kamlavilla, Chhatral – Kadi Road, Budasan – 382 721, Gujarat. The product label bears a **misleading claim** stating that it treats '**Radio-Ulnar Neuritis, Lock Jaw and Paralysis**'. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid conducted at a medical shop in Korutla Village, Jagtial District.

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of '**Kidney Stones**' and '**Radio-Ulnar Neuritis, Lock Jaw and Paralysis**' is prohibited under the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

Smt. N. Sahaja, Drugs Inspector, Kukatpally and Sri. V. Upender, Drugs Inspector, Jagtial 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.

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.

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisement



C) Raids conducted at clinics of quacks/unauthorized practitioners in two separate locations:

The details are as follows:

On April 25th, 2024, based on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks/unauthorized practitioners who were 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 Unqualified Practitioner	Name of the Clinic	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1.	G. Srinivasulu	Sai Ram First Aid Centre	Kokapet Village, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.	28 varieties
2.	Dr Ahmed Shahid Waris (Unani Medical Practitioner stocking and selling allopathic drugs)	Quayyums Clinic	Padmashali Colony, Gandhi Nagar, Musheerabad	21 varieties

Medicines, including antibiotics, analgesics, cough syrups, anti-ulcer drugs, antihypertensives, etc., were found stocked at the premises.

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'**.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 90,000/-**, during the special raids.

Smt. D. Saritha, Assistant Director, Secunderabad, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad, Smt. D. Swetha Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet, Sri. K. Anvesh, Drugs Inspector, Shabad and Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad are among the officers who carried out the raids.

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/unlicensed entities, 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.

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 Annexed

A) Photograph of Seizure carried out at Alwaj and Siddipet - Drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'



B) Photograph of Seizures carried out at Kukatpally and Jagtial for making misleading advertisement:



C) Photograph of Seizures conducted at Clinics of Unauthorized Practitioners