

## Press Note

**Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in a joint operation conducted with the Police Department, busted the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs to drug addicts at Charminar. During the raid, the DCA seized 'Tapentadol Tablets'.**

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The details are as follows:

Officials from the Drugs Control Administration, Hyderabad Zone, acting on credible information, conducted raids on 8th May in Charminar Area, along with officials from the Police Department, to bust the illegal sale of **habit-forming drugs** to drug addicts.

During the raids, officers detected that Arshad Khan, a resident of 18-7-408/9, Aman Nagar A, Somnath Temple, Yakutpura, Hyderabad, was illegally selling Tydol 100 Tablets (Tapentadol Tablets 100 mg) at the Charminar Bus Stand Parking Area, New Shahalibanda Road, Charminar.

Officers seized 400 tablets of Tydol 100 Tablets (Tapentadol Tablets 100 mg) during the raid. The total worth of the stocks seized was Rs. 23,000/-.

**Tapentadol** is a centrally acting opioid analgesic used for the management of moderate to severe pain for both acute (following injury, surgery, etc.) and chronic musculoskeletal pain. It works by acting on the opioid receptors in the brain and spinal cord, thereby altering the way the body perceives and responds to pain.

Due to its potential for abuse and addiction, Tapentadol has been classified as a **Schedule H1** drug under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Schedule H1 drugs are those that have a high potential for abuse or indiscriminate use and are subject to stricter regulations regarding their sale. The inclusion of **'Tapentadol'** in Schedule H1 means that it can only be sold by retail pharmacies with a prescription from a registered medical practitioner.

Arshad Khan does not possess any drug licence and is illegally selling the habit-forming drug Tapentadol Tablets to drug addicts.

Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad, Smt. B. Lakshmi, Drugs Inspector, Charminar and Sri. S. Naveen, Sub-inspector of Police, Hussaini Alam Police Station were 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 unlicensed entities, which 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.

**Illegal stocking and sale of habit-forming drugs is a grave offence and is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

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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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