

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted a raid on a medical shop located at Cheetoor Village, Linghala Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District, which was operating illegally without a drug license. During the raid, officers seized 49 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids etc.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Shilajit Tablets', an Ayurvedic medicine, in Siricilla, for making a misleading advertisement claiming it treats 'Kidney Stones' and 'Obesity'.

A) Raid Conducted on Medical Shop Operating Illegally Without a Drug License at Cheetoor Village, Linghala Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a medical shop located at D. No. 3-26, Cheetoor Village, Linghala Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District on May 15th, 2024.

K. Rajesh Kumar is illegally operating a medical shop named Sri Vinayaka Medical and General Stores at the said premises without a valid drug license.

During the raid, DCA officers discovered the unauthorized stocking of a large quantity of medicines for sale. Forty-nine varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, anti-ulcer drugs, anti-hypertensives, and others, were found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized a stock worth a total of **Rs. 36,000** during the raid.

Dr. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal, Sri. A. Balakrishna, Drugs Inspector, Jangaon, and Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal are among the officers who carried out the raid.

DCA officers collected samples for analysis. Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the law against all offenders involved.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such 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.

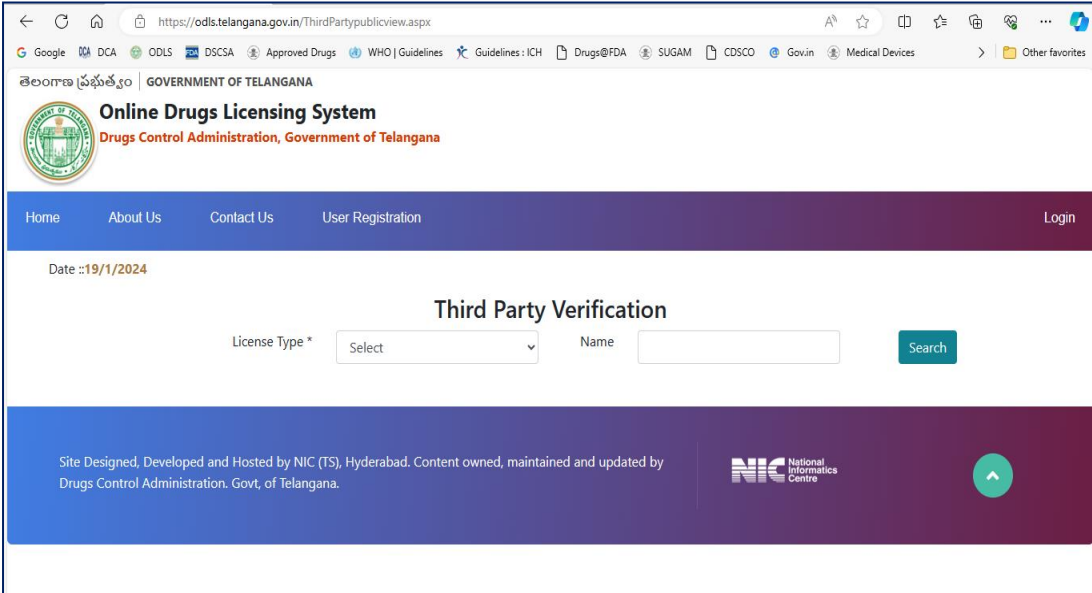
The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

The public should avoid purchasing medicines from unlicensed medical shops. Buying medicines from such sources significantly increases the risks to public health as they are unregulated. It is advisable to purchase medicines

only from licensed medical shops. Licensed medical shops typically 'display their drug licenses' issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conspicuously in a prominent place that is easily visible to the public. Selling medicines without a license is considered an offence, and medicines purchased from unlicensed premises are likely to be counterfeit products.

The public can verify whether a medical shop or pharmacy holds a license issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, through 'Third Party Verification'.

Public can enter the name of the pharmacy or medical shop in the search box provided under the 'Third Party Verification' section of the ODLS website at <https://odls.telangana.gov.in/ThirdPartypublicview.aspx> to verify the details of the drug licenses issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana. This allows individuals to check whether the medical shop or pharmacy is authorized to sell medicines or not.



The screenshot displays the 'Online Drugs Licensing System' website for the Government of Telangana. The page title is 'Online Drugs Licensing System' and the subtitle is 'Drugs Control Administration, Government of Telangana'. The navigation menu includes 'Home', 'About Us', 'Contact Us', 'User Registration', and 'Login'. The current date is '19/1/2024'. The main section is titled 'Third Party Verification' and contains a search form with a 'License Type *' dropdown menu (set to 'Select'), a 'Name' text input field, and a 'Search' button. The footer includes the text 'Site Designed, Developed and Hosted by NIC (TS), Hyderabad. Content owned, maintained and updated by Drugs Control Administration, Govt, of Telangana.' and the NIC (National Informatics Centre) logo.

B) Seizure of ayurvedic medicine ‘Shilajit Tablets’ in Siricilla for making misleading advertisement:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected an Ayurvedic medicine ‘Shilajit Tablets’, circulating in the market with **misleading claim on its label** that it treats 'Kidney Stones' and ‘Obesity’, which is a 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 the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special raids conducted on 15th and 16th May, officials from the Drugs Control Administration, detected ‘Shilajit Tablets’ Manufactured by: Manphar Ayurvedic Drugs, #27-11-37, Dabaguntavari Street, Governorpet, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. The label of the product bears a **misleading claim** stating that it is indicated for the treatment of **‘Kidney Stones’ and** that it **‘reduces body weight’**.

The said medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical shop in Siricilla. Stocks were seized during the raid.

The advertisement of a medicine for the treatment of **Kidney Stones** and **Obesity** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Smt. L.R.D. Bhavani, Drugs Inspector, Siricilla carried out the raid under the supervision of Dr. J. Raju, Assistant Director, Siddipet.

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

Photograph of the product 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.

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 Conducted at a Medical Shop Operating Illegally Without a Drug License in Cheetoor Village, Linghala Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District



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