

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION



Press Note

- A) Drugs Control Administration Telangana busted a racket involving the sale of allopathic drug powder mix as "Ayurvedic Medicine for the treatment of Diabetes" in Ghatkesar. DCA conducted a raid on Sampurna Ayurveda Nilayam in Ghatkesar Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, and seized stocks worth Rs. 1.5 lakhs, which were claimed to be Ayurvedic medicines but contained allopathic anti-diabetic drugs such as Metformin, Glimepiride, and Gliclazide.
- B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized two overpriced medicines The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.
 - a) ZenBact Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) at Narsampet.
 - b) Thymeen Injection (Thiamine Injection IP 100 mg/ml) at Godavarikhani.
- C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'FEMIZOY Syrup', an Ayurvedic medicine, in Jadcherla, for making a misleading advertisement claiming it treats 'disorders of menstrual flow'.
- D) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Nizampet Village, Nizampet Mandal, Medak District.

A) Raid Conducted on Sampurna Ayurveda Nilayam, Ghatkesar – Seizure of Ayurvedic Medicines Admixed with Allopathic Drugs

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on gathered intelligence, raided **Sampurna Ayurveda Nilayam**, located at H. No: 3-87/2/1, Near Madhava Reddy Flyover, Ghatkesar Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, and

detected several powders claimed to be 'Ayurvedic Medicines' meant for the treatment of various diseases, including 'diabetes'.

DCA officials collected samples of the powders and sent them to the Drugs Control Laboratory for analysis. The test report concluded the presence of allopathic drugs such as Metformin, Glimepiride, and Gliclazide in the powders, which were being claimed as Ayurvedic medicines.

On 16th May 2024, DCA officials seized 52 packets, each weighing 100 grams and labeled as 'Sugar,' containing a light green colored powder. This powder was tested and found to contain the allopathic anti-diabetic drugs Metformin (31.65%), Glimepiride (4.92%), and Gliclazide (3.02%).

The partners of the firm, Mahammad Rafi Shaik and Nallabothu Venkateswarlu, are manufacturing and selling powders claimed to be 'Ayurvedic Medicines,' illegally mixing allopathic anti-diabetic drugs, at Sampurna Ayurveda Nilayam in Ghatkesar Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

The mixing of allopathic drugs in Ayurvedic powders and selling them falsely under the claim of being 'Ayurvedic medicines' is a serious offense under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. It is punishable with imprisonment.

Dr. V. Balanaganjan, Assistant Director, Shameerpet, Sri. G. Indira Priyadarshini, Drugs Inspector, Medipally, and Sri. B. Lakshmi Narayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the law against all offenders involved.

B) Seizure of overpriced medicines

The details are as follows:

On 16th May, 2024 Drugs Control Administration officials **seized two overpriced medicines:** ZenBact Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) at **Narsampet** and Thymeen Injection (Thiamine Injection IP 100 mg/ml) at **Godavarikhani.**

The product Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w sold under brand name 'ZenBact Ointment' and the product Thiamine Injection 100 mg/ml sold under the brand name 'Thymeen Injection' 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:

Product details	ZenBact Ointment (Mupirocin
	Ointment IP 2% w/w) of B. No:
	E488, Mfg. Dt.: 02/2023, Exp. Dt.:
	01/2025
	Manufactured and Marketed by:
	Zenith Drugs Private Ltd., 72/5,
	Muradpura (Orangapura), Dhar Road,
	New Kaleria, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
MRP indicated on the label of the	MRP Rs. 135 for 5 gm tube on the
product	label of the product
Ceiling price fixed by the Central	Rs 20.29 per 1gm i.e. Rs. 101.45 per
Government for the product	5gm
"Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w"	
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e.	Rs 113.6 per 5gm tube
including GST 12 % should not be	
more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	
Excess Price Charged in violation of	Rs. 21.37 per 5gm tube
Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	

Product details	Thymeen Injection (Thiamine
	Injection IP 100 mg/ml) of B:No:
	GA23E-27G, Mfg. Dt.: 05/23, Exp.
	Dt.: 04/2025,
	Manufactured by: M/s. Vellinton
	Healthcare, Kala-Amb, Himachal
	Pradesh.
	Marketed by: M/s Doctivo Biolinks,
	Baddi, Himachal Pradesh.
MRP indicated on the label of the	MRP Rs . 99.99 per 2 ml Ampoule on
product	the label of the product
Ceiling price fixed by the Central	Rs. 22.59 per 1 ml
Government for the product "Thiamine	i.e. Rs 45.18 per 2 ml Ampoule
Injection 100 mg/ml"	

Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e.	Rs 50.60 per 2 ml Ampoule
including GST 12 % should not be	
more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	
Excess Price Charged in violation of	Rs. 49.39/- excess for 2 ml Ampoule
Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	

Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal, and Sri. Kiran Kumar Jannu, Drugs Inspector, Hanumakonda are among the officers who carried out the raid at Narsampet.

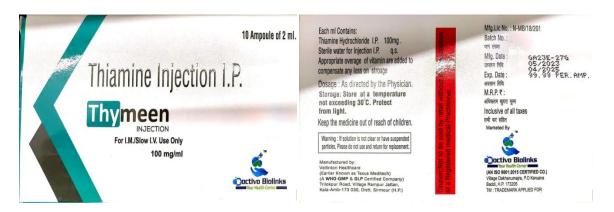
Sri. M. Srinivasulu, Assistant Director, Karimnagar, Sri. P. Karthik Bharadwaj, Drugs Inspector, Peddapalli are among the officers who carried out the raid at Godavarikhani.

Photographs of the Products Seized for Price Violation

ZenBact Ointment



Thymeen Injection



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.

C) Seizure of ayurvedic medicine 'FEMIZOY Syrup' in Jadcherla for making misleading advertisement:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected an Ayurvedic medicine 'FEMIZOY Syrup', circulating in the market with misleading claim on its label that it treats 'disorders of menstrual flow', 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 16th and 17th May, officials from the Drugs Control Administration, Mahbubnagar Zone detected 'FEMIZOY Syrup' Manufactured by: Seasta Life Sciences Unit -2, Gopal Complex, Nr.Narmada Canal, Nr. Sanathal Circle, Sanathal, Ahmedabad, Gujarat Marketed by: Crinova Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., A-707, Signature-II, Sarkhej-Sanand Cross Road, Sarkhej-382210 Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The label of the product bears a misleading claim stating that it is indicated for the treatment of 'Irregular Menstruation' & 'Post Menstruation'. The said medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical shop in Jadcherla. Stocks were seized during the raid.

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

Sri. Mohd. Rafhi, Drugs Inspector, Jadcherla, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahbubnagar and Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy are among the officers who carried out the raid.

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.

D) Seizure of drugs stocked for sale at a quack's clinic in Nizampet Village, Nizampet Mandal, Medak District:

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 16th May, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Edla Hari Krishna, at H. No. 10- 77/1/5, Shop No. 1, Main Road, Nizampet Village, Nizampet Mandal, Medak District, who was claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic 'Padmavathi Care and First Aid Clinic'.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug license. 40 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, habit forming drugs, anti-diabetics, analgesics, anti-ulcer drugs, anti-hypertensives, etc., were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 70,000 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'.

Sri. Raja Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Medak carried out the raid under the supervision of Dr. J. Raju, Assistant Director, Siddipet.

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.

Date: 17-05-2024 V.B. KAMALASAN REDDY, IPS

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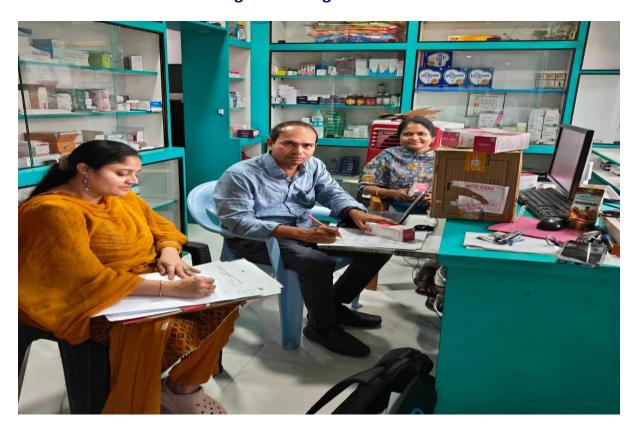
Photographs of Seizures carried out regarding Price Violations <u>At Narsampet:</u>



At Godavarikhani:



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Photograph of Seizure carried out at quacks clinic in Nizampet Village, Medak
District