

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by quacks and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at **three separate locations, including:**

- 1) Singampalle Village, Mahamutharam Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District
- 2) Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, Shapur Nagar, Jeedimetla, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
- 3) Yedira Village, Mahbubnagar Mandal, Mahbubnagar District.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Mahasudarshan Kadha,' an Ayurvedic medicine, in Patancheru for making misleading advertisement that it treats 'Fevers**'.**

C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced antifungal medicine 'ITZOCAP-200 Capsules**' (Itraconazole Capsules **200 mg**) at Sangareddy – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.**

A) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics in three separate locations across the State:

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 21st and 22nd May, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks who were claiming themselves as 'Rural Medical Practitioners' and 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.	Name of the Quack	Address of the premises	Varieties of
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No.			medicines found stocked
1	Bakkathatla Nagesh	Singampalle Village, Mahamutharam Mandal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally District	20 varieties
2	Ashok Kumar	H. No. 7-74, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, Shapur Nagar, Jeedimetla, Medchal- Malkajgiri District	22 varieties
3	Jalandhar	Sy.No.710/A, 710/E, Yedira Village, Mahabubnagar Mandal, Mahbubnagar District	28 varieties

Medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, analgesics, cough syrups, anti-ulcer drugs, antidiabetics, 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'**.

Officials found **'steroids'** at the clinics of quacks. Misusing steroids can have serious health consequences, including immune system suppression, hormonal imbalances, muscle and bone weakness, cardiovascular problems, and psychological effects. The indiscriminate use of steroids poses significant risks to public health.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 95,000/-**, during the special raids.

Dr. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal, Sri. B. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Director, Mahbubnagar, Smt. P. Pavani, Drugs Inspector, Bhupalpalli, Smt. A. Saritha, Drugs Inspector, Jeedimetla, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahbubnagar, Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal, Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy 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.**

B) Seizure of ayurvedic medicine 'MAHASUDARSHAN KADHA' in Patancheru for making misleading advertisement:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected an ayurvedic medicine '**Mahasudarshan Kadha**' moving in the market with **misleading claim** on its labels that it treats '**Fevers**' 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 Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special raid conducted on 21st May to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, **DCA Sangareddy officials** detected '**Mahasudarshan Kadha**', Manufactured by: Om Pharmaceuticals Ltd., 12th Mile, Old Madras Road, Bangalore, Marketed by: Shree Dhootapapeswar Ltd, 135, Nanobhai Desai Road, Khetwadi, Mumbai. The label of

the product bears a **misleading claim** stating that it treats *Jwara* (Fever) and *Jeernajwara* (Chronic Fever).

Photograph of the product seized for making misleading advertisement



The said ayurvedic medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical store in Patancheru. Stocks were seized during the raid.

Advertisement of a medicine for treatment of 'Fevers' in general is prohibited under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru and Sri. N. Ravikiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy 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.

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.

C) Seizure of overpriced antifungal medicine 'ITZOCAP-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Sangareddy:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'ITZOCAP-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) on 21st May, 2024 at a medical shop located in Sangareddy.

The product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name 'ITZOCAP-200 Capsules' is under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of product shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

The product 'ITZOCAP-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) of B. No.: MPC23023A, Manufactured by: M/s: Micro Organics Pharmaceuticals (India) Pvt. Ltd., Ogli, Suketi road, Kala-Amb, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh **bears MRP as Rs. 299/- for 10 capsules i.e. Rs. 29.9/- per one capsule, on the label of the product** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government including Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the product "Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg" is **Rs. 22.12 for one capsule (Ceiling Price)**.

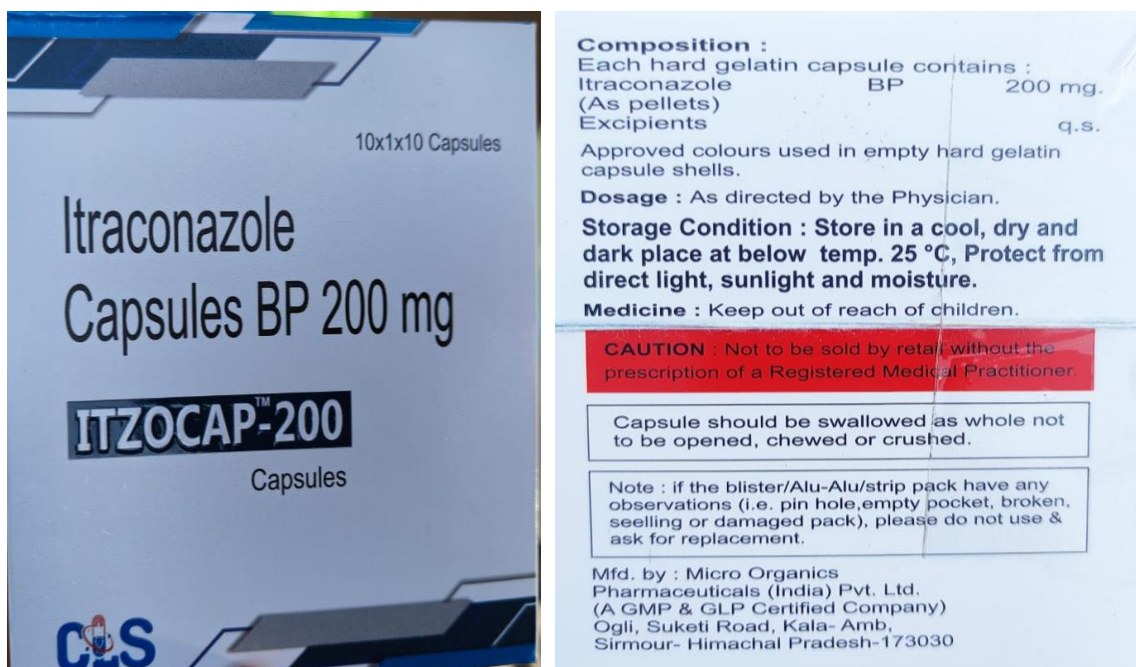
Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 24.77 for one capsule (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)**

The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 51.30 for 10 capsules** which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**.

Sri. N. Ravikiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy and Sri. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru 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.

Photographs of the Product Seized for Price Violation



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.

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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V.B. KAMALASAN REDDY, IPS
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Photograph of Seizure carried out at Quacks Clinics

At Bhupalpalli:



At Mahubnagar:



At Jeedimetla:



Photograph of Seizure carried out regarding misleading advertisement at Patancheru



Photograph of Seizure carried out at for Price Violation at Sangareddy