

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION



Press Note

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana has taken stringent departmental action by suspending the licenses of six wholesalers in Telangana for 30 days. This licence suspension is due to their illegal procurement of 'Insulin' injections (pre-filled pens) without purchase bills. Furthermore, this action is complemented by the initiation of prosecution proceedings against the wholesalers.

During raids conducted from March 15th to March 20th at six medical distributors in Hyderabad, DCA detected that insulin injections, sourced from New Delhi without purchase bills, were being sold at substantial discounts of more than 40% by these wholesalers. The DCA seized stocks worth a total of Rs. 51.92 lakhs during the raids for procuring the stocks without purchase bills.

The details are as follows:

During raids conducted from March 15th to March 20th, the Drugs Control Administration detected the sale of 'Insulin' injections (pre-filled pens) in the market with unusually high discounts of more than 40%. These raids took place at six medical distributors in Hyderabad. Upon verifying the sales bills of the wholesalers, it was revealed that they were offering the aforementioned insulin injections, sourced from New Delhi without any accompanying bills, at substantial discounts of more than 40%.

Wholesalers who sourced Insulin Injections without any purchase invoices and offering them with huge discounts:

Sl. No.	Name and address of the Wholesaler	Worth of the Stocks seized in March-2024
1.	M/s. Drug Hub D.No.,6-1-334/1, First floor,Venkatapuram colony, Padmarao nagar, Secunderabad.	Rs. 6.70 lakhs
2.	M/s Sree Thirumala Pharma H.No.3-14-21/2, Ground floor, Srinivasapuram, Ramanthapur, Uppal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District	Rs. 3.52 lakhs
3.	M/s. Shree Paras Medical Agencies D.No.,4-4-418/2, Vittal Maruti Lane Sultan Bazar Hyderabad.	Rs. 9.00 lakhs
4.	M/s. Sri Ganesh Pharma Distributors, D. No: 2-3-291/2, Ground Floor, Sai Nagar Colony, Road No.5, Nagole (V), Uppal (M), Medchal - Malkajgiri District	Rs. 14.00 lakhs
5.	M/s. Sree Raja Rajeshwara Distributors, H. No. 1-1-28/12, Ground floor, Jai Jawan Colony, Kapra (V & M), Medchal-Malkajgiri District	Rs. 2.70 lakhs

6.	M/s Sri Balaji Agencies,	Rs. 16.00 lakhs
	D.No: 3-3-900/2/A,	
	Ground Floor, Quthbiguda,	
	Kachiguda, Hyderabad.	
	Total worth seized:	Rs. 51.92 lakhs

During these special raids, DCA officials seized stocks worth **Rs. 51.92 lakhs**, which were illegally procured from Delhi and are suspected to have been illegally diverted from the supply chain.

Procuring medicines illegally <u>without purchase bills</u> is a violation of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Illegal procurement of medicines without purchase bills is deemed **fraudulent** primarily because it involves:

- Health and Safety Risks: Illegal procurement of medicines without proper documentation raises significant health and safety concerns. Without purchase bills, <u>the quality, authenticity, and safety of the medicines cannot</u> <u>be verified, posing risks to consumers' health</u>.
- 2. **Tax Evasion:** Furthermore, failing to maintain purchase bills may also lead to tax evasion as it prevents accurate reporting of expenses and revenue related to the procurement and sale of medicines.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in addition to launching prosecution against the wholesalers, has taken stringent departmental action by suspending their drug licenses for 30 days. 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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