

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced antifungal medicine 'Testra-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Shameerpet, Medchal-Malkajgiri District – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized certain medicines due to misleading advertisements:

a) P-Myceitin Ointment, an allopathic medicine, claimed to treat 'diseases of eye'.

b) Mahasudarshan Kadha, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Fever'.

C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Gachibowli, Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District.

A) Seizure of overpriced 'Testra-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Shameerpet, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 28th and 29th May, Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'Testra-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at a medical shop located in Shameerpet, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

The product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name 'Testra-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 'Testra-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) of B. No: UC1076A, Manufactured by: M/s Saphnix Life Sciences, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh and Marketed by: M/s Tesla labs Pvt Ltd, Pune **bears MRP as Rs. 298/-**

for 10 capsules i.e. Rs. 29.80/- 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. 50.30/- for 10 capsules** which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.**

Photograph of the Product Seized for Price Violation



Sri. B. Praveen, Drugs Inspector, Shameerpet, Sri. E. Naresh Reddy, Drugs Inspector, and Smt. S. Umarani, Drugs Inspector 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.

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.

B) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected certain medicines circulating in the market with misleading claims on their labels, stating that they treat '**Diseases of Eye**' and '**Fever**'. Such claims are in 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 raids conducted on 28th and 29th May to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

Drugs Inspector, Kapra detected P-Mycetin Ointment (**Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment IP 1% w/w**), an allopathic medicine, **Manufactured by:** Eastern Healthcare, Plot No. 7, Sector 6A, IIE, SIIDCUL, Haridwar, Uttarakhand. The product label bears a **misleading claim** stating that it treats '**diseases of Eye**'. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid conducted at a medical shop in Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

Drugs Inspector, Khammam Urban detected **Mahasudarshan Kadha**, an ayurvedic medicine, **Manufactured by:** Om Pharmaceutical Ltd, 12th Mile, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru. The product label bears a **misleading claim** stating that it treats '**Fever**'. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid conducted at a medical shop in Khammam.

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of '**Diseases of Eye**' and '**Fever**' is prohibited under the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Khammam, Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Urban, Sri. T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra, Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri and Sri. M. Surendranath, Drugs Inspector are among the officers who carried out the raids.

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

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



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 carried out at a quack's clinic in Gachibowli, Seilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 28th May, 2024 raided the premises of a quack K. Swarupa, at Plot No. 1144, Siddique Nagar, Gachibowli , Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at her clinic 'Swarupa First Aid Centre'.

During the raid, DCA officials detected medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug license. 17 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, analgesics, etc. were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 8,000 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 public, including emergence of **'Antimicrobial Resistance'**.

Smt. A. Shylaja Rani, Drugs Inspector, Serilingampally and Smt. D. Swetha Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet are 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 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.

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Photographs of Seizures carried out regarding Price Violation at Shameerpet



Photographs of Seizures carried out regarding Misleading Advertisements

At Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri District:



At Khammam:



Photograph of Seizure conducted at a quack's clinic in Gachibowli


