

## Press Note

**A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Metnuron-OD Tablets' in Pragnapur Village, Gajwel Mandal, Siddipet District which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.**

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

- 1. Maharshi Ayurveda GLUCOMAP, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Diabetes'.**
- 2. Ashwagandharishta Supreme, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Nervous debility'.**
- 3. Shri Tulsi Drops, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Fever'.**
- 4. Isotine Eye Drops, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Disorders of the Eye'.**

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**A) Seizure of drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'**

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials of Siddipet Zone have detected the product '**Metnuron-OD Tablets**' circulating in the market. The product has been claimed to contain Calcium Carbonate 500mg, Alpha Lipoic Acid 200mg, Benfotiamine 150mg, Inositol 100mg, Chromium Picolinate 200mcg, Pyridoxine HCl 3mg, Folic Acid 1.5mg, Vitamin D3 1000IU, Methylcobalamin 1500mcg. These tablets were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical.

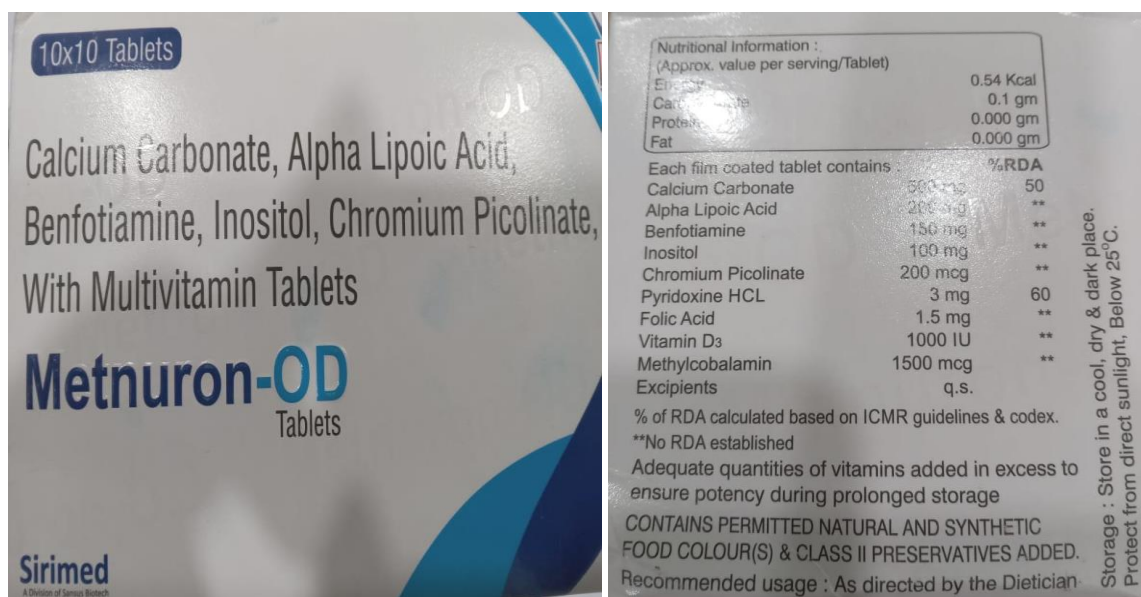
The tablets were found to be illegally manufactured at Medicant Nutrients, Plot No. 635, Phase-II, Ind. Area, Barhi-131101, Haryana and were being marketed by SiriMed (A Division of Sanus Biotech) Sanus Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad as a food product/nutraceutical.

As per the label claim of the product, it is classified as a 'drug' according to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The product '**Metnuron-OD Tablets**' must be manufactured only under a 'drug license' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, it must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Indian Pharmacopoeia' (IP) as mandated.

Dr. J. Raju, Assistant Director, Siddipet and Smt. S. Vinay Sushmi, Drugs Inspector, Siddipet are among the officers who carried out the raid at a medical shop in Pragnapur Village, Gajwel Mandal, Siddipet District. Samples were lifted for analysis during the raids.

**Photographs of the product falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'**



Similar cases of 'drugs' being manufactured under a 'food license' were previously detected by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in November 2023 and January 2024, which were declared as 'spurious' by the Drugs Control Laboratory, Hyderabad, as the content of the active ingredient was found to be 'NIL' (i.e., zero drug) in the said products.

The drugs that are falsely manufactured and sold under a food license are not produced in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and often fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP). Such products pose serious risks to patients' health and may have severe implications.

**Manufacturing and selling 'drugs' without a valid 'drug license' is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

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## **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 '**Diabetes**', '**Nervous debility**', '**Fever**', and '**Disorders of the Eye**'. 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 special drive conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Misleading Claim</b>	<b>Manufactured by</b>	<b>Detected at</b>
<b>Maharshi Ayurveda GLUCOMAP (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Diabetes	Maharshi Ayurveda Products Pvt. Ltd., Faridabad , Haryana	Kachiguda
<b>Ashwagandharishta Supreme (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Nervous debility	Shri Sharma Ayurved Mandir, Datia, Madhya Pradesh	Sarooragar

<b>Shri Tulsi Drops (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Fever	International Herbal Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Haridwar, Uttarakhand	Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar Mandal
<b>Isotine Eye Drops (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Disorders of the Eye	Jagat Pharma, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	Balapur

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

**Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements**



Smt. Anjum Abida, Assistant Director, Rangareddy, Sri. V. Ravi Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Balapur, Sri. J. Naga Raju, Drugs Inspector, Saroornagar, Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar, Sri. V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Amberpet, and Sri. P.

Santosh, Drugs Inspector, Mehdipatnam 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.

**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.**

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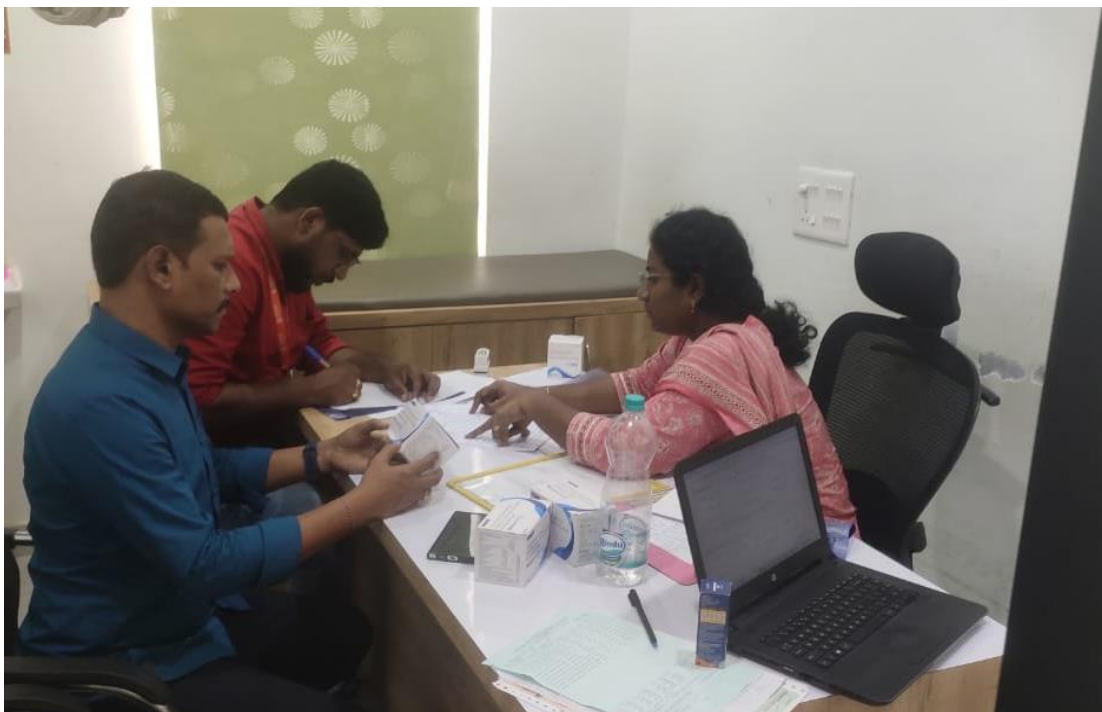
The public may report any complaints regarding illegal activities concerning medicines through the **Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969**, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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**Photograph of Seizure carried out at Pragnapur Village, Gajwel Mandal, Siddipet District - Drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'**





**Photograph of Seizures carried out for making misleading advertisement**







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