

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Calgrip Tablets' in Siddipet which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

B) In separate events, 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) **Mupipan 5gm Ointment** (Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w) at Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

b) **Zandi-200 Capsules** (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Kamareddy.

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

1. **Suppol Child Suppositories**, an allopathic medicine, claimed to treat 'Fever'.

2. **Shri Tulsi Drops**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Fever'.

3. **Tulsi Ginger Drops**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Pneumonia'.

D) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Thadiparthi Village, Gopalpet Mandal, Wanaparthy District.

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 25th and 26th June, 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 **'Calgrip Tablets'** circulating in the market. The product has been claimed to contain Calcium Citrate 1000mg , Magnesium 100 mg, Zinc mono 4 mg, Vitamin D3 2000IU. 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 Anura Therapeutic Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 6B, Laxmareddypalem, Pedda Amberpet, Hayathnagar, Rangareddy Dist, Telangana and **marketed by:** Gripkem Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Laxminagar, Secunderabad 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.

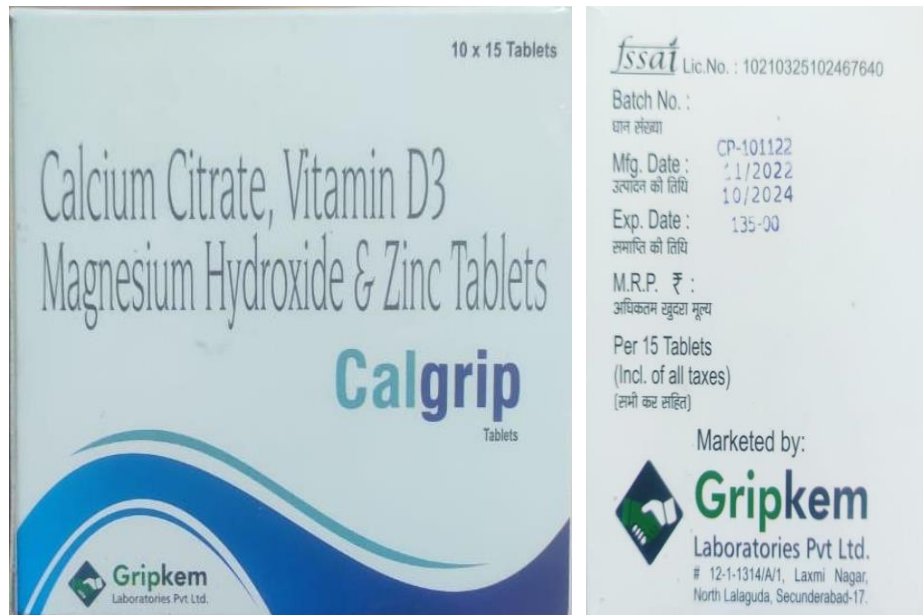
The product **'Calgrip Tablets'** must be manufactured only under a 'drug license' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, it must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Indian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

Smt. S. Vinay Sushmi, Drugs Inspector, Siddipet carried out the raid at a medical shop in Siddipet and seized the stocks. **Samples were lifted for analysis during the raids.**

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.

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



Each film coated tablet contains :
Calcium Citrate 1000 mg.
Magnesium 100 mg.
Zinc Mono 4 mg.
Vitamin D3 2000 IU
Colours : Approved colours used.
Appropriate overages of vitamins added to compensate loss on storage.
Other Ingredients : Starch, PVPK, HPMC, E-50, SSG, Magnesium Sterate, MCCP, Other Excipients.
Dietary supplement.
Not for Medicinal use.
Usage : 2 Tablets daily or as directed by the Physician.
Store in a cool, dry & dark place.
Manufactured in India by: Anura Therapeutics Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 6B, Laxmareddypalem, Pedda Amberpet, Hayathnagar, R.R. Dist. Telangana - 501 505.
Customer Care No. : 9008888507
E-mail: anurahyd@gmail.com

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

B) Seizure of overpriced medicines

The details are as follows:

During the raids conducted on 25th and 26th June, 2024 Drugs Control Administration officials **seized two overpriced medicines:** Mupipan 5gm Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w) at Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and Zandi-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Kamareddy.

The product Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w sold under brand name ‘Mupipan 5gm Ointment’ and the product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under the brand name ‘Zandi-200 Capsules’ 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:

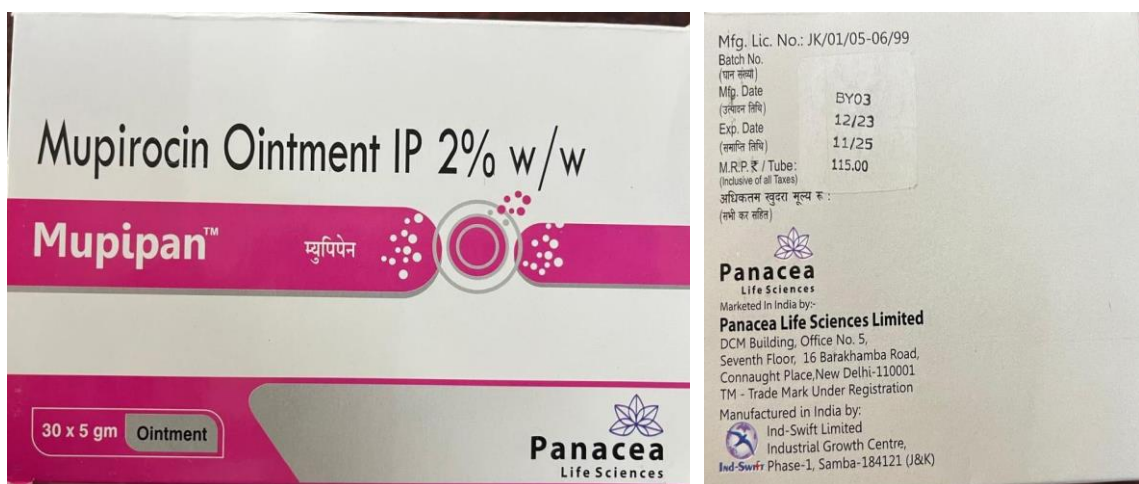
Product details	Mupipan 5gm Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w) B. No: BY03, Mfg. Dt: 12/2023, Exp. Dt: 11/2025, Manufactured by: Ind-Swift Limited, Industrial Growth Centre, Phase-1, Samba-184121, Jammu & Kashmir. Marketed by: Panacea Life Sciences Ltd., New Delhi.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 115 for 5 gm tube</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w”	Rs. 20.29 per 1gm i.e Rs. 101.45 per 5gm tube
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 113.62 per 5gm tube
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 1.38/- per 5 gm tube
Worth of the stocks seized	Rs. 6400/-

Product details	Zandi-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) B. No. C2308022, Mfg Dt: 08/2023; Exp Dt: 07/2025, Manufactured by: Gujarat Pharmaceuticals, Vejalpur Road, Chikhodra, Godhra Dist., Gujarat. Mfd. for: Zedip Formulations, 2, Gujarat Estate, Sarkhej-Sanand Road, Sarkej, Ahmedabad 382210.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 285.00 per 10 Capsules on the label of the product</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central	Rs. 22.12 for one capsule

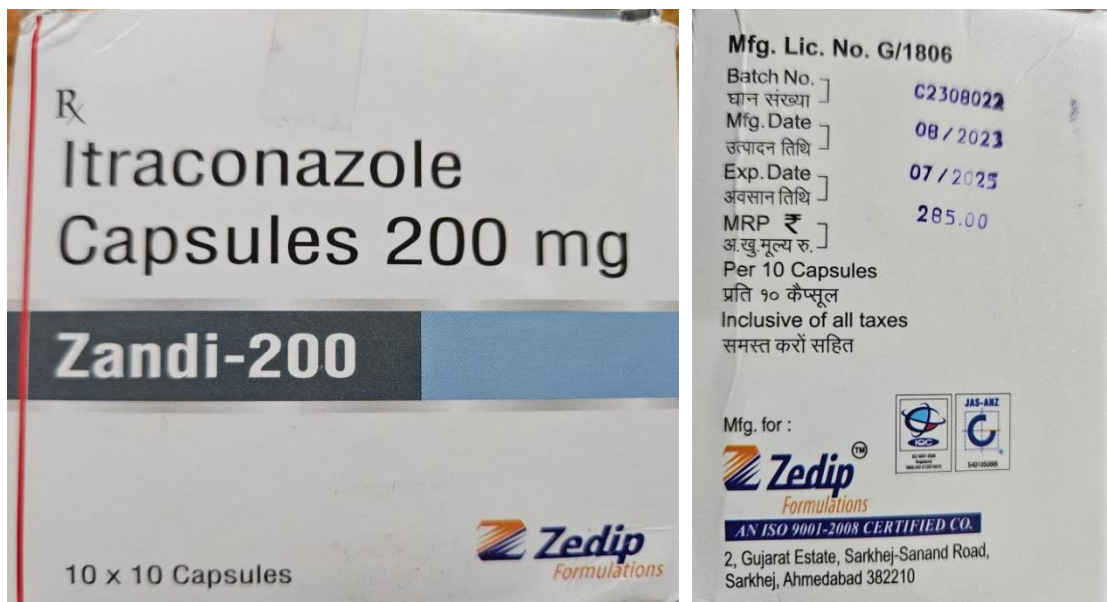
Government for the product “Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg”	
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 24.77 for one capsule
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 37.3 excess for 10 capsules
Worth of stocks seized	Rs. 22, 230/-

Photographs of the Products Seized for Price Violation

a) Mupipan 5gm Ointment



b) Zandi-200 Capsules



Sri. T. Shivateja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra and Sri. Raja Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Kamareddy 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.

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 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 '**Fever**', and '**Pneumonia**'. 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 25th and 26th June to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

Product	Misleading Claim	Manufactured by	Detected at
Suppol Child Suppositories (Allopathic Medicine)	Fever	Meridian Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., 418, GIDC, Kabilpore, Navsari, Gujarat.	Somajiguda
Shri Tulsi Drops (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Fever	International Herbal Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 30, Sector 6-B, IIE, Sidcul, Haridwar,	Chandanagar, Rangareddy District

		Uttarakhand	
Tulsi Ginger Drops (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Pneumonia	Aarogya Formulations Pvt. Ltd., 76, Sector 6A, Sidcul, Haridwar, Uttarakhand Marketed by: Zota Healthcare Ltd, Surat, Gujarat.	Dammaiguda, Keesara Mandal

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

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



Sri. C. Vivekananda Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khairatabad, Smt. A. Shylaja Rani, Drugs Inspector, Sherilingampally, Sri. B. Praveen, Drugs Inspector, Shameerpet, 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.

D) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Thadiparthi Village, Gopalpet Mandal, Wanaparthy District.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 25th June, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Bodhani Naveen Kumar, at D. No. 5-189/1, Thadiparthi Village, Gopalpet Mandal, Wanaparthy District, who was claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug license. 52 varieties of medicines, including Antibiotics, Steroids, Analgesics, Anti-ulcer drugs, etc., were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 60,000 during the raid.

DCA officials detected several higher generation '**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**'.

Officials also found '**steroids**' at the clinic operated by the quack. 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.

Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubnagar, Sri. S. Vishwanath Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool, and Sri. S. Vinay, Drugs Inspector, Narayanpet 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

Seizure of drugs at Siddipet – Drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'



Seizure of Overpriced Medicines

At Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri District



At Kamareddy



Seizure of drugs for making misleading advertisements

At Somajiguda



At Chandanagar



At Dammaiguda, Keesara



Seizure of drugs stocked for sale at a quack's clinic in Thadiparthi Village, Gopalpet Mandal, Wanaparthy District