

## Press Note

**A)** Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in a significant breakthrough, seized **Spurious Drugs 'Vertin 8' Tablets** (Betahistine Tablets IP 8 mg) and **'Vertin 16' Tablets** (Betahistine Tablets IP 16 mg), falsely claimed to be manufactured by Abbott India Ltd.

During the raids conducted by DCA based on gathered intelligence, the **counterfeit** versions of **'Vertin 8' Tablets** and **'Vertin 16' Tablets** circulating in the market were detected by Drugs Control Administration officials at Sultan Bazar and Moosarambagh. The stocks were seized during the raids.

**B)** Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **overpriced** antifungal medicine **'Itragril-200 Capsules'** (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Shivunipalli Village, Station Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

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

- a) Blastone Syrup**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat **'Kidney Stones'**.
- b) Carivent Tablets**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat **'Fever'**.
- c) Hadensa Ointment**, an allopathic medicine, claimed to treat **'Piles'**.

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**A)** Seizure of **Spurious Drugs 'Vertin 8'** (Betahistine Tablets IP 8 mg) and **'Vertin 16'** (Betahistine Tablets IP 16 mg), falsely claimed to be manufactured by Abbott India Ltd.

Based on intelligence gathered by Drugs Control Administration officials, raids were conducted at several dealers in Hyderabad, leading to the detection of spurious drugs **'Vertin 8' Tablets** (Betahistine Tablets IP 8 mg) and **'Vertin 16' Tablets** (Betahistine Tablets IP 16 mg) circulating in the market.

Vertin Tablets (Betahistine Tablets) are used to treat symptoms of Ménière's disease, such as vertigo (feeling dizzy and a spinning sensation), tinnitus (ringing in the ears), hearing loss, and nausea.

During the raids, Drugs Inspectors detained the stocks and obtained a comparison statement for the suspected batches from the original manufacturer, Abbott India Ltd., with the original batches. The manufacturer also concluded that the batches of 'Vertin 8' (Betahistine Tablets IP 8 mg) and 'Vertin 16' (Betahistine Tablets IP 16 mg) detained by the Drugs Control Administration were **"Spurious Drugs/Counterfeit Drugs"**.

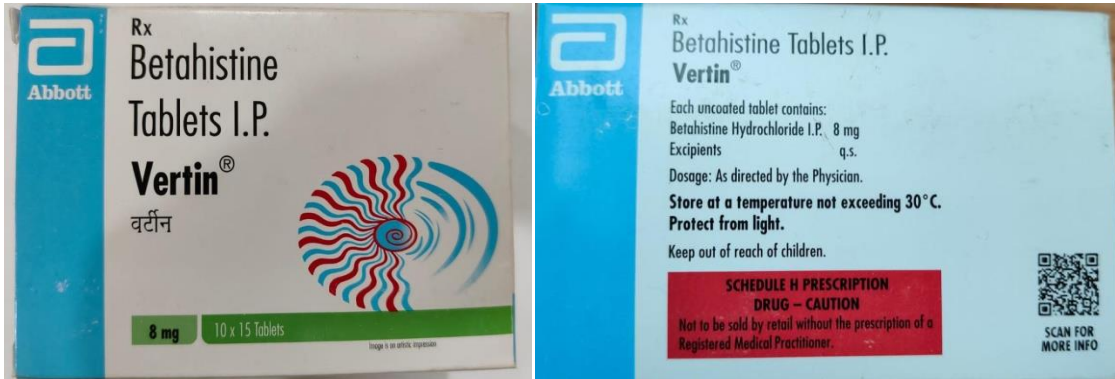
During the raid conducted on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Goel Pharma, Sultan Bazar, Koti, Sri. V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Goshamahal, seized a counterfeit version of **Vertin 16** Tablets (Betahistine Tablets IP 16 mg), Batch No.: RBIB23006, Mfg. Date: 02/2023, Exp. Date: 01/2026, falsely claimed to be manufactured by M/s Abbott India Ltd., at: Village Bhatauli Khurd, P.O. Baddi - 173205, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

During the raid conducted on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Yashwanth Pharma, Moosarambagh, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, seized counterfeit versions of **Vertin 8** Tablets (Betahistine Tablets IP 8 mg), Batch No.: RBIA23009, Mfg. Date: 09/2023, Exp. Date: 08/2026, claimed to be manufactured by M/s Abbott India Ltd., at: Village Bhatauli Khurd, P.O. Baddi - 173205, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh, and counterfeit **Vertin 16** (Betahistine Tablets IP 16 mg), Batch No.: RBIB23006, Mfg. Date: 02/2023, Exp. Date: 01/2026, falsely claimed to be manufactured by M/s Abbott India Ltd., at: Village Bhatauli Khurd, P.O. Baddi - 173205, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

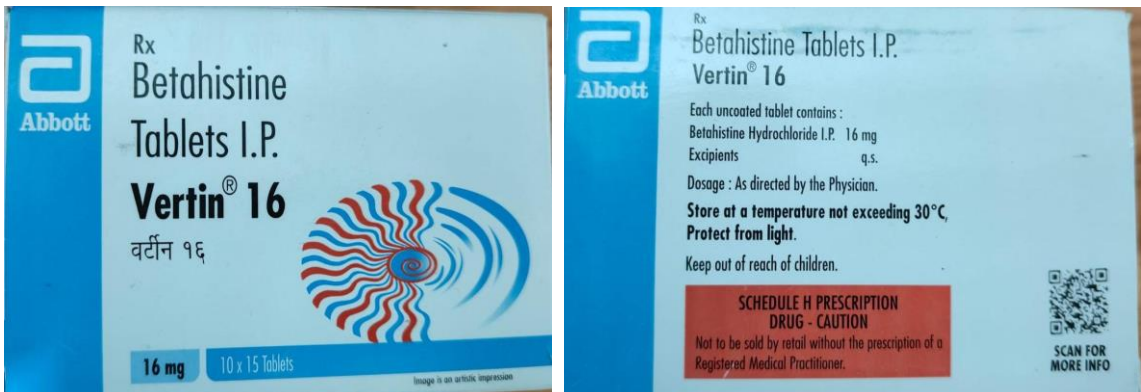
Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate legal action will be taken against all offenders.

Spurious drugs pose a significant threat to public health, endangering patients' well-being. These drugs not only fail to treat the intended disease but also can lead to severe health complications over time. DCA is actively working to ensure the removal of spurious drugs from the market.

**Counterfeit Version of Vertin 8 Tablets Batch No. RBIA23009 Seized by  
DCA**



**Counterfeit Version of Vertin 16 Tablets Batch No. RBIB23006 Seized by  
DCA**



**B) Seizure of overpriced 'Itragril-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Shivunipalli Village, Station Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District**

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June, Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'Itragril-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at a medical shop located in Shivunipalli Village, Station Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District.

The product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name 'Itragril-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 'Itragril-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) of Batch No. ITD/23031, Mfg. Date: 04/2023, Exp. Date: 03/2025, Manufactured by: Korbax pharmasules, 14, DIC, Industrial Area, Barotiwala, Baddi, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh, Marketed by: Pharmacon Life Sciences Pvt Ltd, 3rd floor, Agro Mall, NVM Sector-20, Panchkula, Haryana **bears MRP as Rs. 289.50/- for 10 capsules, 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)**

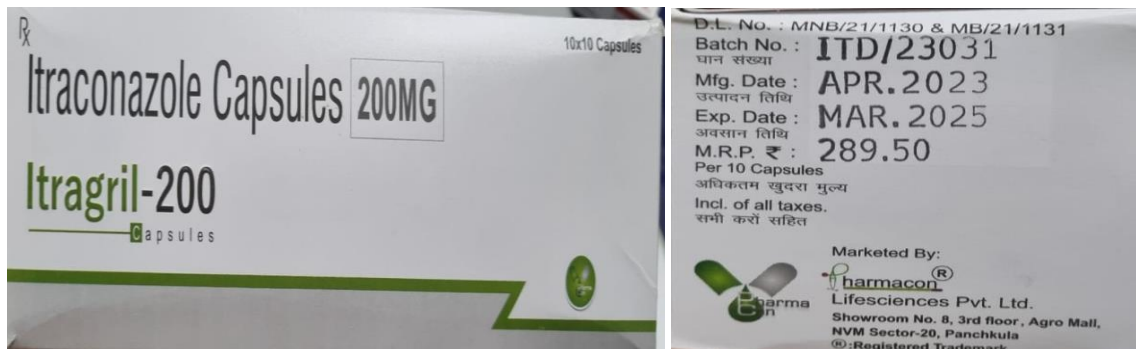
The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 41.80/- for 10 capsules** which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**.

Sri. A. Balakrishna, Drugs Inspector, Jangaon and Smt. P. Pavani, Drugs Inspector, Bhupalpally 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.

### Photograph 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.

### **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 '**Kidney Stones**', '**Fever**', and '**Piles**'. Such claims are in contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 & Drugs Rules, 1945 (Schedule J) 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 / Drugs Rules, 1945 (Schedule J).

During the special drive conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Blastone Syrup (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Kidney Stones	Balu Herbals, Plot No: 78, Anmagal, Hayathnagar, Rangareddy District	Dilsukhnagar
<b>Carivent Tablets (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Fever	Onika Organics, 208-C, Block -1, Sector -3, HSIIDC, Karnal - 132 001	Vanasthalipuram
<b>Handensa Ointment (Allopathic Medicine)</b>	Piles	Dollar Company (Pvt) Ltd., At: 50, Cross Road, Tondiarpet, Chennai, Tamilnadu	Turkayamjal Village, Abdullapurmet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **'Kidney Stones'**, **'Fever'**, and **'Piles'** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 / Drugs Rules, 1945 (Schedule J).

Sri. V. Ravi Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Balapur, Sri. J. Naga Raju, Drugs Inspector, Saroornagar and Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar 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.**

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



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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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**Photographs of Seizure of Spurious Drugs Vertin 8 Tablets and Vertin  
16 Tablets**

**At Sultan Bazar, Koti:**



**At Moosarambagh:**





**Photograph of Seizure carried out regarding Price Violation at Shivunipalli Village, Station Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District**



**Photographs of Seizures carried out regarding Misleading Advertisements**

**At Dilsukhnagar:**



**At Vanasthalipuram:**



**At Abdullapurmet, Rangareddy District:**



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