

## Press Note

**A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in a joint operation with the Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad, and the Market Police Station staff, seized illegally stocked and sold cardiac stimulant drug Termin Injections (Mephentermine Sulphate Injection), from MD. Khasim in Tadbund, Secunderabad. This drug was being sold illegally to gym-goers for abuse in bodybuilding.**

**B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced antifungal medicine 'CANDIFACE-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Nagole Village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.**

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**A) Crackdown on 'Mephentermine Sulphate Injection' Abuse in Gyms: Stocks Seized in Tadbund, Secunderabad in Joint Operation**

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration of Hyderabad Zone, in collaboration with Commissioner's Task Force officials from Hyderabad North Zone, and Market Police carried out a joint operation and conducted a raid on 10<sup>th</sup> July at Door No. 44-2-1-50, Tadbund, Secunderabad which belongs to MD. Khasim.

During the raid, officials detected stocks of a cardiac stimulant drug, **'Mephentermine Sulphate Injection,'** illegally stocked and sold to gym-goers for abuse in bodybuilding. The said injections are being supplied for abuse by MD. Khasim.

**Mephentermine Sulphate Injection** is a cardiac stimulant primarily used to normalize decreased blood pressure (hypotension) that may arise from administering anesthesia in spinal procedures during surgery. It is employed to elevate blood pressure in cases of hypotensive (low blood pressure) states. This medication induces increased release of noradrenaline, thereby enhancing cardiac output. By augmenting the pumping capacity of the heart and constricting blood vessels, it rapidly raises blood pressure. It's crucial to note that only a doctor should determine the appropriate dose and duration of this medicine for each individual.

However, Mephentermine Sulphate Injection, with its cardiac stimulatory action, is being misused to enhance endurance in bodybuilders. Certain gyms are illegally selling Mephentermine Injection to gym-goers who misuse it to improve physical performance in competitive sports or bodybuilding.

Abuse of Mephentermine Sulphate Injections can result in various adverse effects, including psychosis, cardiovascular disorders, and the development of tolerance and dependence over time.

During the raid, officers seized stocks of Termin Injections (Mephentermine Sulfate Injections), with a total worth of **Rs. 3,000/-**.

Officers of Drugs Control Administration viz. Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad and Sri G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet are among the officers who carried out the raid.

**The illegal stocking and sale of drugs in gyms for abuse is a violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and individuals involved can face imprisonment for up to five years.**

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## **B) Seizures of overpriced CANDIFACE-200 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Nagole Village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.**

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized ‘CANDIFACE-200 Capsules’ (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg), during the raids carried out on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, at a medical shop located in Nagole Village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

The product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name ‘CANDIFACE-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 ‘CANDIFACE-200 Capsules’ (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) of Batch No. CC-1250028, Mfg. Date: 02-2024, Exp. Date: 07-2026, Manufactured by: Healing Pharma India Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 25-B, Dev Industrial

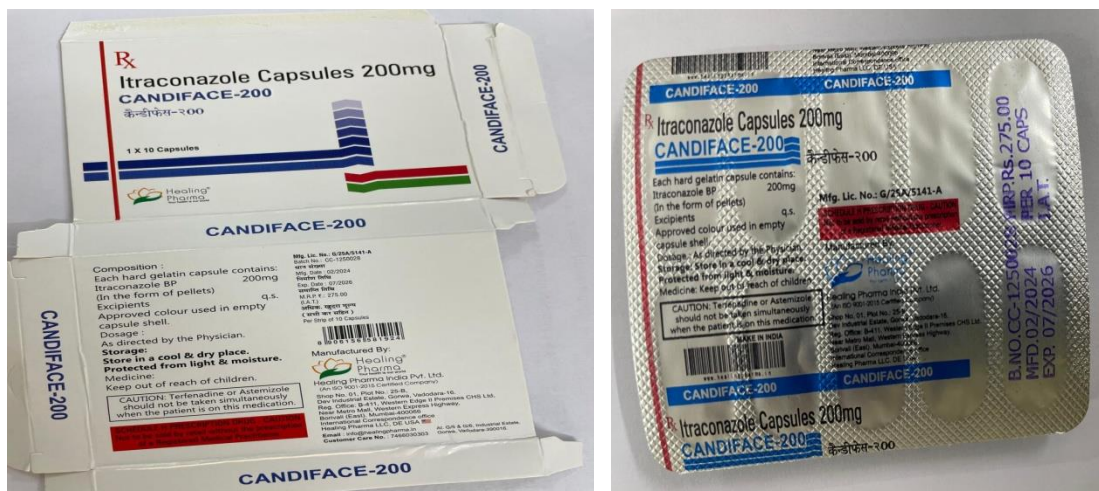
Estate, Gorwa, Vadodara-16, Gujarat bears MRP as Rs. 275/- for 10 capsules i.e. Rs. 27.50/- per one capsule, on the label of the product which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

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. 27.30 for 10 capsules** which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**.

### Photograph of the Product Seized for Price Violation



Dr. B. Lakshmi Narayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal and Sri. B. Praveen, Drugs Inspector, Shameerpet 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.

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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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**A) Photograph - Seizure of Mephentermine Sulphate Injections at Tadbund, Secunderabad**



**B) Photograph - Seizures of overpriced medicines at Nagole Village, Uppal Mandal.**



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