

Press Note

Drug Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids as part of a special drive concerning the **illegal sale of habit-forming drugs**, based on inputs from the Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad.

The raids were conducted on several medical shops in Hyderabad for the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs, including Codeine-containing cough syrups, Nitravet (Nitrazepam) Tablets, Restyl (Alprazolam) Tablets, Ultracet Tablets (Tramadol), and Tydol Tablets (Tapentadol), etc.

The licences of **twenty medical shops** in Hyderabad and Secunderabad zones were **suspended**, and the **licence of one medical shop was cancelled** by the Drugs Control Administration for the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs.

The details are as follows:

Based on inputs from the Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad, regarding the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs, the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana carried out raids at several medical shops during the first and second weeks of July as part of a special drive.

The indiscriminate sale of several drugs with habit-forming tendencies, primarily classified under Schedule H1 and Schedule X of the Drugs Rules, was verified during the raids.

Habit forming drugs under Schedule H1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alprazolam • Buprenorphine • Chlordiazepoxide • Codiene • Diazepam • Nitrazepam • Pentazocine • Tramadol • Zolpidem • Tapentadol

Habit forming drugs under Schedule X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amobarbital • Glutethimide • Pentobarbital • Ketamine hydrochloride • Amphetamine • Meprobamate • Phencyclidine • Barbitol • Methamphetamine • Phenometrazine • Cyclobarbitol • Dexamphetamine • Methylphenidate • Secobarbital • Ethchlorvynol • Methylphenobarbital

During the raids, the officers detected several violations related to the indiscriminate sale of habit-forming drugs, including the sale of such drugs without the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner, the sale without issuing bills, failure to produce purchase bills, failure to maintain prescription registers and Schedule H1 registers, and other violations of Drugs Rules.

The **licence of one medical shop was cancelled**, and the **licences of twenty medical shops were suspended** as part of the special drive addressing violations related to the indiscriminate sale of habit-forming drugs.

Medical Shop Whose Licence Was Cancelled

S. No.	Name of the Medical Shop	Action Taken
1.	Lakshmi Narsimha Medical and General Store, Vijaypuri Colony, Hyderabad	Drug Licences Cancelled

Medical Shops Whose Licences Were Suspended

S. No.	Name of the Medical Shop	Action Taken
1.	Om Rakesh Medical Hall, Kutbiguda, Sultan Bazar	Suspended licence for 60 days
2.	Rama Medical Hall, Bela X Roads, Near Akkanna Madanna Temple, Moghalpura	Suspended licence for 30 days
3.	Saheb Medical Shop, Near Shah-Ghouse Hotel, Shahalibanda	Suspended licence for 30 days
4.	Sri Durga Medical and General Stores, Ghanzi Bazar, Husaini Alam	Suspended licence for 30 days
5.	Macca Medical, near vegetable market Sri Ram Nagar, Borabanda	Suspended licence for 30 days
6.	Madina Medical, Beside Hi tech hotel, Borabanda	Suspended licence for 30 days
7.	Sana Pharmacy & General Stores 8-2-626/RS/GF/2, Road No. 1, Banjara Hills, Opp. Care Hospital, Hydeabad	Suspended licence for 15 days
8.	Global Pharma Beside Amar Point hotel lane , Rahmath X road , Yousufguda. Hyderabad	Suspended licence for 15 days
9.	Vinay Medical and General Store # 1-9-104/3/4, Ramalayam Road, Ramnagar, Hyderabad	Suspended licence for 15 days
10.	Sai Ratna Medical And General Store Near: Cost to Cost shop, Opp:	Suspended licence for 10 days

	Paradise Hotel, Secunderabad.	
11.	Secunderabad Drug House Market, Secunderabad.	Suspended licence for 7 days
12.	Sree Sharadha Medical Shop (Gowdown) Gopalapuram, Secunderabad.	Suspended licence for 6 days
13.	Farhath Medical & General Store, Char Kandil, Aghapura, Hyderabad.	Suspended licence for 5 days
14.	Star Medical and General Stores, Opposite Mega cafe, Near Gandhi statue, Asifnagar	Suspended licence for 3 days
15.	Hafsa Medical & General Store, Gudimalkapur, Mehdipatnam	Suspended licence for 3 days
16.	Rakesh Medical and General Stores, Beside Sarojini Eye Hospital, Humayun Nagar	Suspended licence for 3 days
17.	Amrutha Medical Hall & General Stores 8-2-628, Shop no 9, Road No 1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad	Suspended licence for 2 days
18.	Arvind Medical Hall, Near mallepally chowrasta beside Amrit wines, Asif Nagar	Suspended licence for 2 days
19.	Meera Medical and General Stores, Jiyaguda, Puranaphool, Hyderabad.	Suspended licence for 2 days
20.	Saad Medical and General Stores, First Lancer, Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad	Suspended licence for 2 days

The abuse of habit-forming drugs such as [Codeine](#) syrups and [Nitrazepam](#) Tablets can lead to severe physical and psychological

consequences. These substances are often misused for their sedative effects, which can result in addiction and dependence. Continued misuse or overdose of these drugs can cause respiratory depression, seizures, coma, and even death.

Alprazolam is used to treat anxiety disorders, panic disorders, anxiety associated with depression, and insomnia. However, its potential for addiction and habit-forming is very high. Abuse of alprazolam can lead to a range of adverse effects, including addiction, physical dependence, tolerance, and withdrawal symptoms upon discontinuation.

Misuse of Alprazolam can result in sedation, drowsiness, dizziness, confusion, impaired coordination, memory problems, and respiratory depression, **especially when combined with alcohol** or other central nervous system depressants. Long-term abuse of Alprazolam can have serious consequences for both physical and mental health, including cognitive impairment, mood disturbances, and an increased risk of accidents.

Due to their potential for abuse and addiction, habit-forming drugs are classified under **Schedule H1** and **Schedule X** of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Drugs listed in Schedule H1 and Schedule X are those with a high potential for abuse or indiscriminate use and are subject to stricter regulations regarding their sale. Inclusion in Schedule H1 or Schedule X means these drugs can only be sold by retail pharmacies with a prescription from a registered medical practitioner.

The illegal sale of habit-forming drugs is a serious offence and is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Stringent action will be taken

against medical shops that violate the provisions of the Drugs Rules regarding the sale of habit-forming drugs.

The public may report any complaints regarding the **illegal sale of habit-forming drugs by medical shops** and other illegal activities related to 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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