

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical distributor named Wareworx Pvt. Ltd. located in Moosarambagh, Hyderabad, which was operating illegally without a drug license. During the raid, the DCA seized stocks worth Rs. 3.5 lakhs from the premises.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Nallagandla , Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District.

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

- a) Mensoguard Syrup, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Female diseases (in general)'.**
- b) Tulasi Churna, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Fever'.**
- c) Orthum Pain Oil, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Rheumatism'.**
- d) Zecuf Cold Medicated Tablets, an allopathic medicine, claimed to treat 'Fever'.**
- e) Ovaryl Forte Syrup, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'diseases and disorders of the uterus'.**

A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Distributor in Moosarambagh, Hyderabad

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal stocking and sale of medicines, raided a medical distributor named **Wareworx Pvt. Ltd.** located on SBI Officers Colony Road, T Junction, Moosarambagh, Malakpet on 26th July, 2024.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale. **19 varieties** of medicines including **habit-forming**

drugs, steroids, antibiotics, abortifacient drugs, anti-hypertensive drugs, anti-diabetic drugs etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 3.5 lakhs** during the raid.

Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad, Smt. P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad and Sri. M. Surendranath, Drugs Inspector, Begumpet are among the officers who carried out the raid.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Wholesalers/Stockists who supply medicines to such unlicensed entities, 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/Stockists.

Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

B) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Nallagandla, Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 26th July, 2024 raided the premises of a quack P. Thirumalachari, at Plot No. 1-104, Nallagandla, Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected **18 varieties** of medicines, including antibiotics, anti-ulcer drugs, analgesics, cough syrups etc., found stocked at the premises without a drug licence. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of **Rs. 8,000/-** during the raid.

DCA officials detected several higher generation **'antibiotics'** at the clinics during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by unqualified persons may have disastrous consequences on the health of public, including emergence of **'Antimicrobial Resistance'**.

Smt. A. Shylaja Rani, Drugs Inspector, Serilingampally and Smt. D. Swethabindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet 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.

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 **'Female diseases (in general)', 'Fever', 'Rheumatism'** and **'Diseases and disorders of the uterus'**. 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 26th and 27th July 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 |
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| Mensoguard Syrup (Ayurvedic Medicine) | Female diseases (in general) | Sanskar Ayush Medicare Pvt. Ltd., Khasra No. 673, Imlikhera, Bhagwanpur, By Pass N.H., Roorkee- 247667, Haridwar | Shamshabad |
| Tulasi Churna (Ayurvedic Medicine) | Fever | Akheera Drugs & Cosmetics, Industrial Area, Balanagar | Jeedimetla |
| Orthum Pain Oil (Ayurvedic Medicine) | Rheumatism | Mac Bio Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.262, HSIIDC, Alipur, Barwala, Panchkula, Haryana | Adilabad |
| Zecuf Cold Medicated Tablets (Allopathic medicine) | Fever | J.B. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Survey No. 101/2 & 102/1, Daman Industrial Estate, Airport Road, Village Kadaiya, Daman. | Malkajgiri |
| Ovaryl Forte Syrup (Ayurvedic medicine) | Diseases and disorders of the uterus | Ayur Labs Herbals Pvt Ltd., Halol. Marketed by: Mercury Laboratories Ltd, Vadodara | Mancherial |

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **‘Female diseases (in general)’**, **‘Fever’**, **‘Rheumatism’** and **‘diseases and disorders of the uterus’** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. K. Anvesh, Drugs Inspector, Shabad, Smt. A. Saritha, Drugs Inspector, Jeedimetla, Smt. A. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Adilabad, Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri and Smt. T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancherla 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



The public may report any suspected manufacturing activity related to drugs, including narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in residential, commercial, or industrial areas, as well as any other 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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