

Press Note

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop named **Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Medical and General Stores**, located in Tarnaka, Secunderabad, which was **operating illegally even after the cancellation of its drug licence.**

The drug licence of the medical shop was cancelled in July 2024 as a departmental action for violating the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, including selling habit-forming drugs and abortifacient drugs (abortion kits) without a doctor's prescription and without the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

During the surprise checks carried out on **12th and 13th August**, it was found that Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Medical and General Stores was still operating illegally despite the licence cancellation. During the raid, the DCA seized stocks worth **Rs. 1.5 lakhs** from the premises.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, as part of surprise checks carried out on 12th August and 13th August on medical shops against which departmental actions were taken, detected that a medical shop named Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Medical and General Stores, located at 12-5-32/15/4, Second Floor, Shutter No. 02, South Lalaguda, Tarnaka, Secunderabad, was **operating illegally even after the cancellation of its drug licence.**

The drug licence of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Medical and General Stores was cancelled in **July 2024** as a departmental action for violating the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. The violations included selling habit-forming drugs and abortifacient drugs (abortion kits) without a doctor's prescription and operating without the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of a large quantity of medicines for sale. **Forty varieties** of medicines were found stocked for sale on the premises. DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 1.5 lakhs** during the raid.

Smt. D. Saritha, Assistant Director, Secunderabad, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, 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 and dealers who supply medicines to unlicensed entities that are stocking and selling drugs without a valid drug license are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Stringent action will be taken against such wholesalers and dealers. It is mandatory for wholesalers and dealers to ensure that recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

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

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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Photograph of Seizure carried out at Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Medical and General Stores, Tarnaka, Secunderabad


