

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized '**Inferra Drops**' (Colloidal Iron, Lysine, Folic Acid & Vitamin B12 drops) in **Uppal** which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

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

1. **CYGNA-D Stone Capsules**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Kidney Stones**'.
2. **Triphala Choornam**, a herbal product, claimed to treat '**Diabetes**'.

C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **overpriced** antibiotic ointment '**MUJES Ointment 5gm**' (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) in Wyra, Khammam District – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

D) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by unlicensed practitioners, commonly known as **quacks**, and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at **two separate locations**, including:

- 1) Nawabpet Village, Linghala Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District
- 2) Balaji Nagar Village, Kapra Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

A) Seizure of drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 23rd and 24th August, DCA officials detected certain drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials of Shameerpet Zone have detected the product '**Inferra Drops**' (Colloidal Iron, Lysine, Folic Acid & Vitamin B12 drops) circulating in the market. The product was falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical.

The product was found to be illegally **manufactured by** Angia Rx Nutraceuticals, Roorkee, Dist. Haridwar, Uttarakhand and manufactured for Terra Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Plot#1, Autonagar, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

As per the label claim of the product, it is classified as a 'drug' according to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The product '**Inferra Drops**' must be manufactured only under a 'drug license' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, it must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Indian Pharmacopoeia' (IP) as mandated.

Smt. Anjum Abida, Assistant Director, Shameerpet and Sri. Lakshminarayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal are among the officers who carried out the raid at a medical shop in Uppal. Samples were lifted for analysis during the raids.

Photograph of the product falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'



The drugs that are falsely manufactured and sold under a food license are not produced in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and often fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP). Such products pose serious risks to patients' health and may have severe implications.

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

B) 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**' and '**Diabetes**'. Such claims are in contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

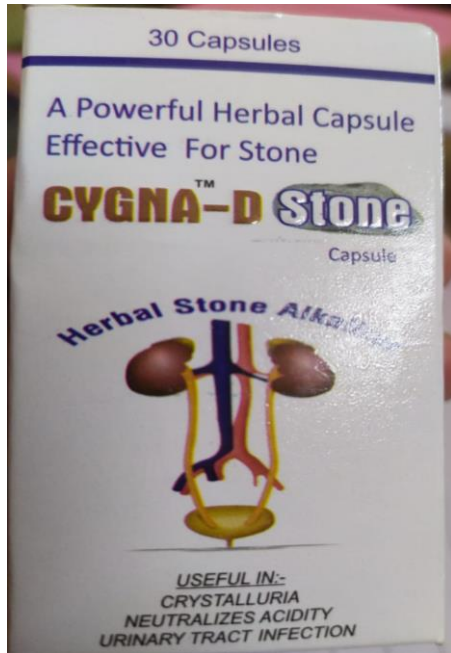
Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding the diseases/disorders indicated under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special drive conducted on 23rd and 24th August 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
CYGNA-D Stone Capsules (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	Rohini Biocare Research, Paonta Sahib, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh	Jagtial
Triphala Chooranam (Herbal Product)	Diabetes	Mangrove Health Care, Kukatpally	Jeedimetla

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **'Kidney Stones' and 'Diabetes'**, is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



Sri. V. Updender, Drugs Inspector, Jagtial and Smt. A. Saritha, Drugs Inspector, Jeedimetla 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.

C) Seizure of overpriced antibiotic ointment **'MUJES Ointment 5gm' (**Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w**) at Wyra, Khammam District**

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 23rd and 24th August, Drugs Control Administration officials seized '**MUJES Ointment 5gm**' (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) at a medical shop in Wyra, Khammam District.

The product Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w sold under brand name '**MUJES Ointment 5gm**' 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 '**MUJES Ointment 5gm**' (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w) of Batch No.: BH17, Mfg. Dt: 08/2023, Exp. Dt.: 07/2025, **Manufactured by:** Digital vision,176, Mauza Ogli, Nahab Road, Kala- Amb, Dist. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh-173030 and **Marketed by:** JES DERMACARE (A Division of JES Pharamacia Pvt.Ltd) Zirakpur-140603, **bears MRP as Rs. 125/- for 5 gm pack 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 for the product "Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w" is **Rs. 20.29 per 1 gm i.e. Rs. 101.45 per 5 gm (Ceiling Price).**

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 113.6 per 5 gm tube** (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 11.40/- per 5 gm tube**, which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.**

Sri. K. Devender Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Rural carried out the raid and seized the stocks.

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.

Photograph of the Product Seized for Price Violation



D) Seizures conducted at quacks' clinics:

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of unqualified practitioners / quacks who were practicing medicine without proper qualifications at their clinics on 23rd and 24th August, 2024.

During the raids at the following premises, substantial quantities of medicines **stocked for sale without a drug license** were found.

Sl. No.	Name of the Quack	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1.	Alikatti Krishna	Mrudula Clinic, D. No. 4-87, Nawabpet village, Linghala Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon District	56 varieties
2.	Velpula Sayamma	Sai Krishna First Aid Centre, H. No. 22-723, BJR Nagar, Jawahar Nagar, Balajinagar (V), Kapra (M), Medchal-Malkajgiri District	22 varieties

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 rural public, including emergence of **'Antimicrobial Resistance'**.

Officials found **'steroids'** at the clinic of a quack. Misusing steroids can have serious health consequences, including immune system suppression, hormonal imbalances, muscle and bone weakness, cardiovascular problems, and psychological effects. The indiscriminate use of steroids poses significant risks to public health.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 40,000**, during the raids.

Sri. A. Balakrishna, Drugs Inspector, Jangaon and Sri. T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra 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.

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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