

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Fer-XT Tablets' in Mulugu 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. Coolsureplus Suspension, an Allopathic medicine, claimed to treat 'Peptic Ulcer'.**
- 2. Bhringaraja Churnam, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Fever'.**

C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Jagathgiri Gutta, Quthbullapur Village, 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 27th and 28th August, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials of Warangal Zone have detected the product '**Fer-XT Tablets**' (Ferrous Ascorbate and Folic Acid Tablets) circulating in the market. The product has been claimed to contain Ferrous Ascorbate 100 mg, Folic Acid 1.5 mg. These tablets were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical.

The tablets were found to be illegally manufactured at Alfansa Bio Pvt.Ltd, #5-5-35/23, 2nd floor, Murthy Building, Prasanth Nagar, Hyderabad-500072. and were being marketed by Phelix Health care, Plot no.265, DDA Market, Satyawati colony, Ashok Vihar Phase-3, Behind Laxmibai College, New Delhi as a food product/nutraceutical.

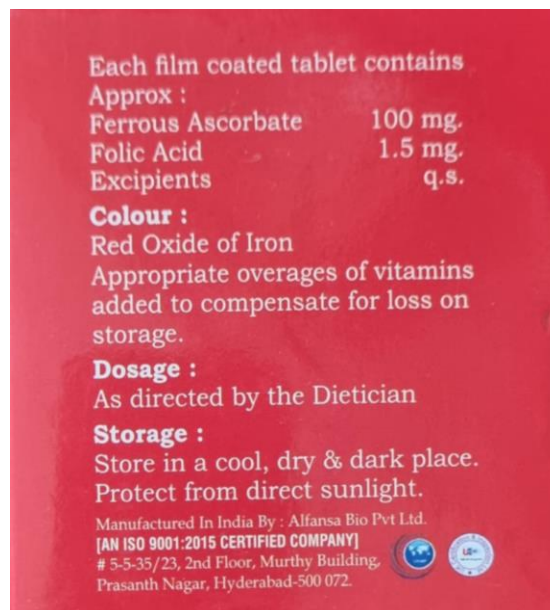
As per the label claim of the product, it is classified as a 'drug' according to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The product '**Fer-XT Tablets**' 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. P. Pavani, Drugs Inspector, Bhupalpally carried out the raid and seized the drugs at a medical shop in Karimnagar. Samples were lifted for analysis during the raids.

Photographs 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 '**Peptic Ulcer**' and '**Fever**'. 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 27th and 28th 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
Coolsure Plus Suspension (Allopathic Medicine)	Peptic Ulcer	Aspen Lifesciences, Amritsar	Mailardevpally, Rangareddy District
Bhringaraja Churnam (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Fever	Samraksha Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Kukatpally	Prashanthi Nagar

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

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



Sri. G. Ravikiran, Drugs Inspector, Rajendranagar and Smt. M. Sreebindu, Drugs Inspector, Prashanthi Nagar 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 carried out at a quack's clinic in Jagathgiri Gutta, Quthbullapur Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 27th August, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Devaji Vilas Patil, at H. No. 37-038, Jagathgiri Nagar, Jagathgiri Gutta, Quthbullapur Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, who was claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic 'Santosh Clinic'.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug license. 32 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, anti-ulcer drugs etc., were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 15,000/- 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 rural public, including emergence of '**Antimicrobial Resistance**'.

Officials found '**steroids**' at the clinics of quacks. 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.

Sri. E. Thirupathi, Drugs Inspector, Quthbullapur, Sri. T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra, Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri and Sri. E.

Naresh Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Balanagar 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.

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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