

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Drugs Control Administration of Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by **quacks and unauthorized practitioners**, seizing illegally stocked drugs worth **Rs. 1.25 lakhs** intended for sale at **two** separate locations, including:

- a) Goundla Ramavaram Village, Laxmidevipally Mandal, Bhadradi-Kothagudem District
- b) Charminar, Hyderabad

B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Thiaplex-100 Capsules' (Thiamine Hydrochloride Capsules 100 mg) in Mancherla, Reifer-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate & Folic Acid Tablets) in Hyderabad and Numine-100 Tablets (Thiamine Mononitrate Tablets 100 mg) in Malkajgiri, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

C) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana **seized two overpriced medicines** – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

- a) **Q-BACT 5gm Ointment** (Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w) at Sangareddy.
- b) **Itravent-100 Capsules** (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) at Warangal.

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

- a) **Ureecet Capsules**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Kidney Stones'.
- b) **Ashwagandha Lehyam**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Impotency'.
- c) **Sri Sri Tattva Kshirabala Taila**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Menstrual Disorders'.
- d) **Mahanarayan Tail**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Disorders of Nervous System'.
- e) **Diabo Booti Capsules**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Diabetes'.
- f) **Slim & Fit Juice**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Obesity'.
- g) **STONKRUSH Syrup**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Kidney Stones'.

A) Raids conducted at clinics of quacks/unauthorized practitioners:

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 29th and 30th August, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks/unauthorized practitioners who were practicing medicine without proper qualifications at their clinics.

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	Gannagoni Giri Goud	D. No. 2-69, Goundla Ramavaram Village, Karukonda Ramavaram (GP), Laxmidevipally Mandal, Bhadradi-Kothagudem Dist	54 varieties including 34 varieties of Physician's Samples
2.	Shaik Kifayat Ulla Shareef	Ayesha Clinic, H. No. 19-3-58, # Jahanuma, Beside Jama Masjid Kamaan, Hyderabad	13 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**'.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 1.25 lakhs**, during the raids.

Sri. Ch. Samapath Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bhadradi-Kothagudem and Smt. B. Lakshmi, Drugs Inspector, Charminar are among the officers who carried out the raids.

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/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/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.**

B) 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 29th and 30th August, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Mancheril have detected the product '**Thiaplex-100 Capsules**' (Thiamine Hydrochloride Capsules 100 mg) circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured at Iosis Remedies Pvt Ltd, Solan, Himachal Pradesh and were being illegally marketed by Innovative Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai as a food product/nutraceutical.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Hyderabad have detected the product '**Reifer-XT Tablets**' (Ferrous Ascorbate and Folic Acid Tablets) circulating in the market. The product has been claimed to contain Ferrous Ascorbate equivalent to elemental iron 100 mg, Folic Acid 1.5 mg. The product was found to be manufactured at Medrenex Nutraceuticals, # Plot no 7A/6, TSIC Jeedimetla, Hyderabad.

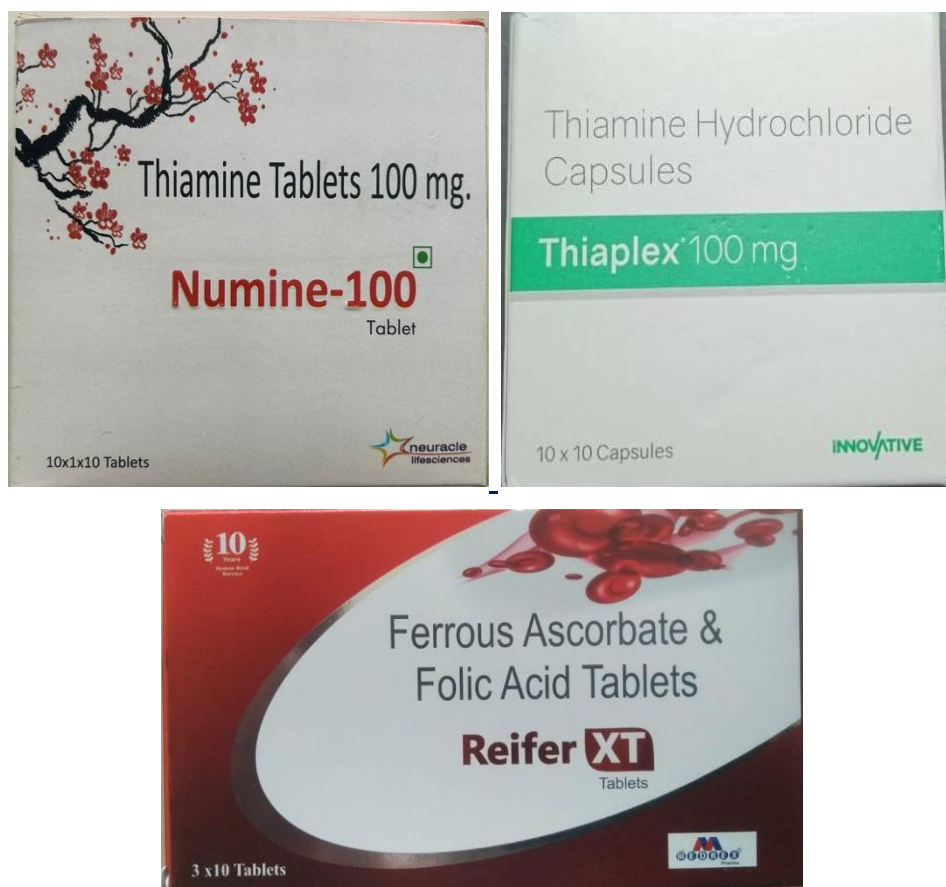
Drugs Control Administration officials in Malkajgiri have detected the product '**Numine-100 Tablets**' (Thiamine Mononitrate Tablets 100 mg) circulating

in the market. The product was found to be manufactured at MK Biotech, Ubhawal Road, Sangrur, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab and were being illegally marketed by Neuracle Lifesciences, Chandigarh as a food product/nutraceutical.

The said products were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be food products/nutraceuticals. According to the label composition of these products, they are classified as drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The products 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.

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



Smt. T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancherial, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet and Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri are among the officers who carried out the raids.

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.

C) Seizure of overpriced medicines

The details are as follows:

During the raids conducted on 29th and 30th August, 2024 Drugs Control Administration officials **seized two overpriced medicines:** Q-BACT 5gm Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w) at Sangareddy and Itravent-100 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) at Warangal.

The product Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w sold under brand name 'Q-BACT 5gm Ointment' and the product Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg sold under the brand name 'Itravent-100 Capsules' are under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of the products shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

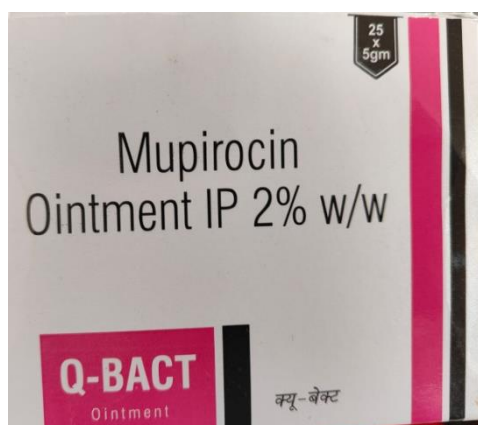
The details of the products seized for price violation are as follows:

Product details	Q-BACT 5gm Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w) B. No: SBO-100, Mfg. Dt: 11/2023, Exp. Dt: 10/2025, Manufactured by: Sarthak Biotech Pvt Ltd, 198-A, Sector-3, HSIIDC, Karnal, Haryana.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 135 for 5 gm tube</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central	Rs. 20.29 per 1gm i.e Rs. 101.45 per

Government for the product “Mupirocin Ointment 2% w/w”	5gm tube
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 113.6 per 5gm tube
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 21.40/- per 5 gm tube

Product details	Itravent-100 Capsules (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) B. No. 14613001, Mfg. Dt. 02/2023 and Exp. Dt. 01/2025, Manufactured by: Innova Captab Ltd., Baddi, Himachal Pradesh.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 226.00 per 10 Capsules on the label of the product</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg”	Rs. 16.67 for one capsule
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 18.67 for one capsule
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 39.3 excess for 10 capsules

Photographs of the Products Seized for Price Violation



Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal and Sri. N. Ravi Kiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy 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.

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.

D) 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, Impotency, Diabetes, Disorders of Nervous System, Obesity and Menstrual Disorders**. 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 29th and 30th 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
Urecet Capsules (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	MGL Pharma, Peerzadiguda, Medchal- Malkajgiri District	Saroor Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.
Ashwagandha Lehyam (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Impotency	Nature World Herbals, Nagaram, Medchal-Malkajgiri District	Keesara, Medchal- Malkajgiri District
Sri Sri Tattva Kshirabala Taila (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Menstrual Disorders	Sriveda Sattva Pvt. Ltd., 21st Km, Kanakapura Road,	Ramachandrapuram, Sangareddy District

		Udayapura, Bangalore (South),- 560082, Karnataka	
Mahanarayan Tail (Ayurvedic medicine)	Disorders of Nervous System	Aura Neutraceuticals Ltd., Gujarat	Narayanpet
Diabo Booti Capsules (Ayurvedic medicine)	Diabetes	Levanza Food and Herbals, Gholu Majra, Dappar, Punjab	Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar Mandal
Slim & Fit Juice (Ayurvedic medicine)	Obesity	Almighty Agro Industry, Sanganer, Jaipur	Siricilla
STONKRUSH Syrup (Ayurvedic medicine)	Kidney Stones	Surya Herbal Life Sciences, Panchkula, Haryana	Adilabad

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **Kidney Stones, Impotency, Diabetes, Disorders of Nervous System, Obesity and Menstrual Disorders** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. J. Nagaraju, Drugs Inspector, Saroornagar, Sri. B. Praveen, Drugs Inspector, Shameerpet, Sri. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Narayanpet, Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar, Smt. L. R. D. Bhavani, Drugs Inspector, Siricilla and Smt. A. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Adilabad 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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