

Press Note

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by **quacks**, seizing illegally stocked drugs worth **Rs. 55,000** intended for sale at **two** separate locations, including:

- a) Pangal Village, Pangal Mandal, Wanaparthy District
- b) Nidugurthy Village, Narayanpet District

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 23rd and 24th September, 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	MD. Nawaj Miya	H. No. 2-76, Pangal Post, Pangal Mandal, , Wanaparthy District	28 varieties
2	Batti Srinivas Goud	H. No. 1-188, Nidugurthy Village, Narayanpet District.	30 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. 55,000**, during the raids.

Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy, Sri. S. Vinay, Drugs Inspector, Narayanpet, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubnagar, and Sri. S. Viswanth Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool 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.

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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