

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located at Nagulbanda, Falaknuma, Hyderabad, which was operating illegally without a drug license. During the raid, DCA seized stocks worth Rs. 32,000 from the premises.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Konne Village, Bachannapet Mandal, Jangaon District.

C) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized Pedi Zinc Syrup (Zinc Gluconate Syrup), in Sirpur, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District and Ferrorus-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) in Bhupalpally, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Nagulbanda, Falaknuma, Hyderabad

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a shop located at D. No. 18-2-120/57, Nagulbanda, Falaknuma, Hyderabad on 24th September, 2024. Mohammed Ayub Pasha was running a medical shop at the said premises illegally without a drug licence.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale. **23 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, antihistamines, analgesics, antipyretics, etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 32,000** during the raid.

Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad and Smt. B. Lakshmi, Drugs Inspector, Charminar 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/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.**

B) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Konne Village, Bachannapet Mandal, Jangaon District.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 24th September, 2024 raided the premises of a quack K. Laxminarayana, at Konne Village, Bachannapet Mandal, Jangaon District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected 34 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids etc., found stocked at the premises without a drug licence. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 20,000/- 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 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.

Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Jangaon carried out the raid under the supervision of Dr. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal..

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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.

C) 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 24th and 25th September, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Sirpur, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District have detected the product **Pedi Zinc Syrup (Zinc Gluconate Syrup)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured Micro Nutritions, # 5-5-599, Exhibition road, Hyderabad as a food product/nutraceutical.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Bhupalpally have detected the product **Ferrorus-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured by Kencure Pharmaceuticals, S.N.Puram, Road No.10, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist., and marketed by Syrus Pharma, #1-3-1040/41, Flat No. 502, 5th floor, Shankara Kranthi Apartments, Kavadiguda,Hyderabad as a food product/nutraceutical.

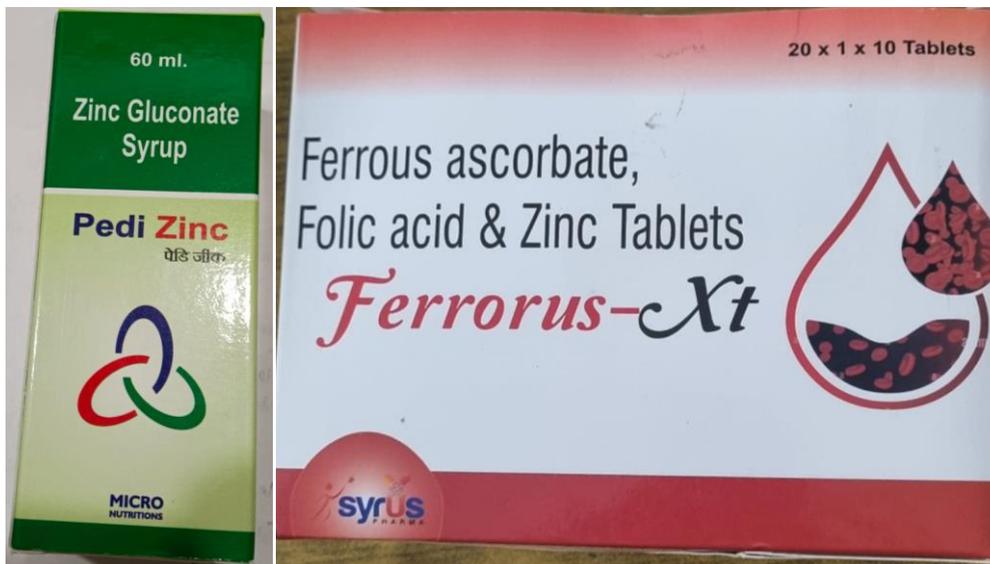
The said products were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be food products/nutraceuticals. According to the label composition of these products, they are classified as drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

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.

Smt. G. Aswani, Drugs Inspector, Asifabad, Smt. P. Pavani, Drugs Inspector, Bhupalpally and Smt. T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancherial 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.

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



Manufacturing and selling 'drugs' 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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