

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Velgonda Village, Bijinapalle Mandal, Nagarkurnool District.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Ferlin-XT Tablets' (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) in Malkajgiri which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

A) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Velgonda Village, Bijinapalle Mandal, Nagarkurnool District.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 25th September, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Vasantpur Ravikumar, at Door No. 3-88, Velgonda Village, Bijinapalle Mandal, Nagarkurnool District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected 20 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, anti-ulcer drugs, analgesics etc., found stocked at the premises without a drug licence. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 10,000/- 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'**.

Sri. S. Viswanth Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool and Sri. S. Vinay, Drugs Inspector, Narayanpet 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.

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 25th and 26th September, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials of Quthbullapur Zone have detected the product **Ferin-XT Tablets** (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) circulating in the market. The tablets were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical.

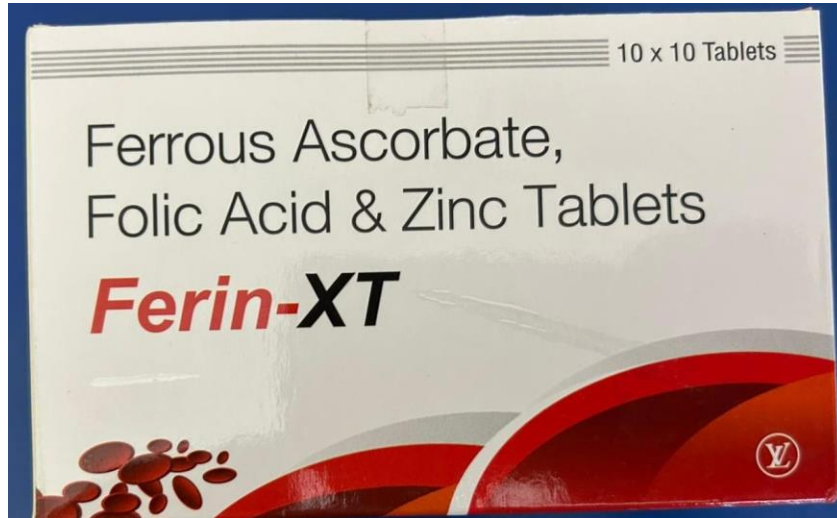
The tablets were found to be illegally manufactured at Twins Pharma, Plot No. 106, S.V.Nagar, Mallapur, Hyderabad as a food product/nutraceutical.

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

The product '**Ferin-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.

Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri and Sri. T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra carried out the raid and seized the drugs at a medical shop in Malkajgiri. **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.

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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