

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, seized illegally stocked and sold cardiac stimulant drug **Mephentermine Sulphate Injections**, in **Asifnagar** and **Karwan**, Hyderabad. This drug was being sold illegally to gym-goers for abuse in bodybuilding.

B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by **quacks**, seizing illegally stocked drugs worth **Rs. 2.06 lakhs** intended for sale at various locations across the State, including:

- a) Majeedpur Village, Abdullapurmet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District
- b) New Raipura, Hanumakonda Mandal, Hanumakonda District
- c) Kotagalli, Nizamabad
- d) Lakkora Village, Velpur Mandal, Nizamabad District
- e) Dattappaguda Village, Mothkur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District
- f) Banjara Colony, Hayath Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District
- g) Kurnavally Village, Thallada Mandal, Khammam District
- h) Old Bowenpally Village, Balanagar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located in **Netaji Chowk, Adilabad**, which was **operating illegally without a drug license**. During the raid, DCA seized stocks worth **Rs. 40,000** from the premises.

D) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **Ferrigen-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** in Bandimet, Secunderabad and **Proferron XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** in Khammam, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

A) Crackdown on 'Mephentermine Sulphate Injection' Abuse in Gyms: Stocks Seized in Asifnagar and Karwan, Hyderabad

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration of Hyderabad Zone carried out raids on 27th and 28th September in Asifnagar and Karwan, Hyderabad.

During the raids, officials detected stocks of a cardiac stimulant drug, **'Mephentermine Sulphate Injection,'** illegally stocked and sold to gym-goers for abuse in bodybuilding at exorbitant prices. The said injections are being supplied for abuse by Atif Khan, resident of Asifnagar and Ajay Singh, resident of Karwan.

During the raids, officers seized 210 vials of Mephentermine Injections, with a total worth of **Rs. 65,000/-**.

Mephentermine Injection is a cardiac stimulant primarily used to normalize decreased blood pressure (hypotension) that may arise from administering anesthesia in spinal procedures during surgery. It is employed to elevate blood pressure in cases of hypotensive (low blood pressure) states. This medication induces increased release of noradrenaline, thereby enhancing cardiac output. By augmenting the pumping capacity of the heart and constricting blood vessels, it rapidly raises blood pressure. It's crucial to note that only a doctor should determine the appropriate dose and duration of this medicine for each individual.

However, Mephentermine Injection, with its cardiac stimulatory action, is being misused to enhance endurance in bodybuilders. Certain gyms are

illegally selling Mephentermine Injection to gym-goers who misuse it to improve physical performance in competitive sports or bodybuilding.

Abuse of Mephentermine Sulphate Injections can result in various adverse effects, including psychosis, cardiovascular disorders, and the development of tolerance and dependence over time.

Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Ranga Reddy, Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad, Sri. P. Santosh, Drugs Inspector, Mehdiapatnam, Sri. K. Anvesh, Drugs Inspector, Shabad, Sri. V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Goshamahal are among the officers who carried out the raids.

The illegal stocking and sale of cardiac stimulant drugs for abuse in gyms, particularly for bodybuilding, constitutes a violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Individuals involved may face imprisonment for up to five years.

B) Seizures Conducted at Clinics of Quacks/Unauthorized Practitioners

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 27th and 28th 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/ Unauthorized Practitioner	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1	Mullagiri Ravi	D. No. 3-63/3, Majeedpur Village, Abdullapurmet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District	31 varieties
2	Kurimilla Venu kumar	Nandini First Aid Clinic, D. No. 3-4-645, Indira Nagar, New Raipura, Hanumakonda Mandal, Hanumakonda District	27 varieties and 5 varieties of Physician's Samples
3	Yedugani Venkateshwar	D. No.3-5-25, Kotagalli, Nizamabad	30 varieties
4	Kanchi Dhanunjai	D. No. 1-70/1, Lakkora Village, Velpur Mandal, Nizamabad District	31 varieties
5	Poleboina Bikshapathi	D. No. 3-88, Dattappaguda Village, Mothkur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District	26 varieties
6	T. Raja Babu	Plot No.89, Banjara Colony, Hayath Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District	15 varieties
7	Guduru Srinivasa Reddy	D. No. 8-03, Kurnavally Village, Thallada Mandal, Khammam District	25 varieties
8	Anantha Sudharshan Reddy	AS Reddy Clinic, D.No. 4-84/A, Old Bowenpally Village, Balanagar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District	16 varieties

DCA officials detected several '**antibiotics**' viz. Meropenem, Cefpodoxime, Ceftriaxone, Tazobactam, etc. 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'** viz. Dexamethasone etc. at clinics 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. 2.06 lakhs**, during the raids.

Sri. V. Ravikumar, Drugs Inspector, Balapur, Sri. J. Kiran Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Hanumakonda, Sri. V. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Urban, Smt. R. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Rural, Sri. J. Ashwin Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri, Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar, Sri. K. Devender Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Rural, Sri. E. Naresh Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Balanagar 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.

C) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Netaji Chowk, Adilabad.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a shop located at D.No. 4-2-198/13/13, Nethaji Chowk, Adilabad District on 27th September, 2024. M. Mallikarjun was running a medical shop 'Adarsh Medicals' at the said premises illegally without a drug licence.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale. **20 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, anti-ulcer drugs, analgesics, etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 40,000** during the raid.

Smt. A. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Adilabad carried out the raid under the supervision of Sri. N. Narsaiah, Assistant Director, Nizamabad.

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

Drugs Control Administration officials in Bandimet, Secunderabad have detected the product **Ferrigen-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured by Maxtra Laboratories, Rangarangaiah nagar, Chengi Cherla Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and marketed by Regen Biotics as a food product/nutraceutical.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Khammam have detected the product **Proferron XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured by Macsol Lifescience, Plot No: 2B, Block No. 815, At: Santej, Ta. Kalol, Dist. Gandhinagar, Gujarat, 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.

Sri. M. Surendranath, Drugs Inspector, Begumpet and Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Urban 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.

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



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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