

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by quacks, seizing illegally stocked drugs worth Rs. 2.29 lakhs intended for sale at various locations across the State, including:

- a) Nagole Village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District
- b) Madaram Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy District
- c) Puppalguda, Manikonda, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District
- d) Mannegudem Village, Dornakal Mandal, Mahabubabad District
- e) Meenajipet Village, Wargal Mandal, Siddipet District
- f) Suraram Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'CCF-D3' Nano Shot Oral Solution Bottles (Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) Oral Solution 60000IU) in Medchal, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

A) Seizures Conducted at Clinics of Quacks/Unauthorized Practitioners

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 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	Location of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1	Chandurupally Ramu	D. No: 2-4-663/4 to 7, Shop No. 2, Prashanthi Nilayam, Ground Floor, Road No.9/A, Nagole Village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District	25 varieties
2	Vishal Yadav	D.No. 2-71/7, Shutter No. 7, Madaram Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy District	12 varieties
3	T. Rajeshwar	D. No. 5-7/1, Secretariat Colony, Puppalguda, Manikonda, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District	25 varieties
4	Gandhasiri Ravi	Mannegudem Village, Dornakal Mandal, Mahabubabad District.	56 varieties
5	Syed Lathif	Meenajipet Village, Wargal Mandal, Siddipet District	21 varieties
6	Rajat Biswas	Manasa First Aid Center, D. No. 5-28-550, Sai Baba Nagar, Suraram Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District	27 varieties

DCA officials detected several **'antibiotics'** viz. Amoxicillin, Cefpodoxime, Ceftriaxone, 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. Prednisolone 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. 2.29 lakhs**, during the raids.

Smt. Anjum Abida, Assistant Director, Shameerpet, Dr. B. Lakshminarayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal, Sri. G. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Jinnaram, Smt. D. Swetha Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet, Smt. S. Umarani, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubabad, Smt. S. Vinay Sushmi, Drugs Inspector, Siddipet and Sri. E. Thirupathi, Drugs Inspector, Quthbullapur 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 28th September, DCA officials detected certain drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials of Medchal Zone have detected the product '**CCF-D3**' Nano Shot Oral Solution (**Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) Oral Solution 60000IU**) with label composition **Each 5 ml contains Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) 60000 IU** circulating in the market. The product was falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical.

The product was found to be illegally manufactured by Nuvista Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Plot No:48, Phase II, IDA, Mallapur, Medchal-Malkagiri District and marketed by Beulah Biomedics, Plot 15, Padmapuri

Colony, ECIL Post, Kapra, Medchal- Malkagiri District, 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 '**CCF-D3' Nano Shot Oral Solution** 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. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal, Smt. B. Mounica, Drugs Inspector, Medchal and Smt. M. Sreebindu, Drugs Inspector, Bachupally are among the officers who carried out the raid at a medical shop in Medchal. 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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