

## Press Note

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, has maintained a vigilant stance, actively monitoring and detecting various offences, including the illegal stocking of '**ESI Hospital Supply Drugs**' worth **Rs. 4.87 lakhs** in Karimnagar. In this case, a Government Pharmacist, Dunaboina Murali Rao, working at the ESI Dispensary in Sirpur-Kagaznagar, **illegally diverted** ESI Hospital Supply drugs to Gampa Krishna, Managing Partner of Sri Srinivasa Medical and General Stores, Karimnagar.

In a separate event, DCA seized 54 varieties of **expired drugs** that were stocked along with saleable drugs at Bhargavi Medical Stores in Namalagundu, Warasiguda, Secunderabad.

DCA busted the illegal stocking and sale of drugs by **quacks and unlicensed practitioners** at **nine** locations across the state.

In a separate event, DCA raided a medical shop located in Bhainsa Village, Nirmal District, which was **operating illegally without a drug license**, and seized drugs that were illegally stocked for sale.

Furthermore, the DCA seized '**RESOLAC-R Sachets**' in Malakpet that were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals.

During the raids conducted from **15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024**, DCA seized stocks worth **Rs. 9.15 lakhs.**

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## **A) Seizure of ESI hospital supply drugs illegally stocked for sale worth Rs. 4.87 lakhs in Karimnagar**

Based on credible information, on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024, officials of the Drugs Control Administration, Karimnagar Zone, raided Sri Srinivasa Medical and General Stores, located at D. No. 4-1-67, Ground Floor, Osmanpura, Karimnagar, and detected **ESI hospital supply drugs** that were illegally stocked for sale.

During the raid, five varieties of drugs labeled as '**ESI SUPPLY NOT FOR SALE**' were seized, with stocks worth **Rs. 4.87 lakhs**. The drugs seized included antidiabetic and antiasthmatic medications, etc.

**Upon investigation, it was found that Dunaboina Murali Rao, working as a Pharmacist Grade-II at the ESI Dispensary in SPM Colony, Sirpur-Kagaznagar, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District, illegally diverted ESI hospital supply stocks to Gampa Krishna, Managing Partner of Sri Srinivasa Medical and General Stores in Karimnagar.**

Sri. M. Srinivasulu, Assistant Director, Karimnagar, Sri. P. Karthik Bharadwaj, Drugs Inspector, Karimnagar, Smt. T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancherial and Sri. P. Shravan Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Peddapalli 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.

Government pharmacists who illegally divert hospital supply medicines are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and stringent action will be taken against such individuals.

**The illegal stocking of ESI hospital supply drugs for sale is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment of up to two years.**

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### **B) Seizure of expired drugs at Bhargavi Medical Stores, Namalagundu, Warasiguda, Secunderabad.**

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information, raided a medical shop named Bhargavi Medical Stores, located at D. No. 11-2-248/1, Namalagundu, Warasiguda, Secunderabad, on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

During the raid, DCA officers detected a large quantity of **expired medicines** stocked along with saleable drugs on the racks of the medical shop. A total of **54 varieties** of **expired medicines** were found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 60,000** during the raid.

Smt. D. Saritha, Assistant Director, Secunderabad, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, Smt. P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad are among the officers who carried out the raid. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

**Stocking expired drugs in a medical shop along with saleable drugs is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to two years.**

### **C) Seizures Conducted at Clinics of Quacks/Unauthorized Practitioners**

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted **nine raids** on clinics operated by **quacks and unauthorized practitioners** who were practicing medicine without proper qualifications from 15<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. During these raids, illegally stocked drugs worth **Rs. 3.52 lakhs** intended for sale were seized at various locations across the state.

During the raids at the following premises, substantial quantities of medicines **stocked for sale without a drug license** were found.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Date of Raid</b>	<b>Name of the Quack/Unauthorized Practitioner</b>	<b>Address of the premises</b>	<b>Varieties of medicines found stocked</b>
<b>1.</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> October	J. Kantha Reddy	Gandhi Chowk, Pangal Post and Mandal, Wanaparthy District	42 varieties including <b>03 varieties of Physician's Samples</b>
<b>2.</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> October	Gandasiri Ramesh Anand	D.No. 1-91, Jayapuram Village, Narsimhulapet Mandal, Mahabubabad District	35 varieties
<b>3.</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> October	Laxman Pramanik	Laxmi First Aid Centre Pashamylaram Village,	20 varieties

			Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District	
4.	17 <sup>th</sup> October	Voram Srikanth	H.No. 583/A, Ramayampet to Doultabad Main Road, Venkatapur Village, Ramayampet Mandal, Medak District	29 varieties
5.	19 <sup>th</sup> October	Mankali Yadagiri	H. No. 1-46/1, B. C. Community Hall, Salkarpet Village, Bijinepally Mandal, Nagarkurnool District	43 varieties
6.	19 <sup>th</sup> October	Gundu Shankariah	D. No. 8-48/2, Ushannapally Gangaram, Peddapalli District.	21 varieties including <b>14</b> <b>varieties of</b> <b>Physician' s</b> <b>Samples</b>
7.	21 <sup>st</sup> October	Gaddamidi Srinivas	Sahaja Polyclinic, H.No. 1-101, Shop No.2 & 3, Cellar, Yellamma Temple Road, Bachupally Village, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist	23 varieties
8.	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Mohammad Abdul Azeem	D. No. 3-24, Renivatla, Maddur, Narayanpet District	68 varieties
9.	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Patel Kishan	H. No : 11-12 3- 24,Ground Floor, Shop No.1, Market Road, Medchal, Medchal- Malkajgiri District.	21 varieties

DCA officials detected several '**antibiotics**' viz., Cefotaxime, Cefixime, Cefpodoxime, Amoxicillin, Ofloxacin, Roxithromycin 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. Hydrocortisone, 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.

Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal, Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy, Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubnagar, Smt. S. Umarani, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubabad, Sri. M. Varaprasad, Drugs Inspector, Pashamylaram, Sri. T. Praveen Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bollaram, Smt. P. Chandrakala, Drugs Inspector, Medak, Sri. S. Vishwanth Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool, Sri. S. Vinay, Drugs Inspector, Narayanpet, Sri. P. Shraavan Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Peddapalli, Smt. M. Sreebindu, Drugs Inspector, Bachupally, Smt. M. Hemalatha, Drugs Inspector, Gandimaisamma, Smt. B. Mounika, Drugs Inspector, Medchal, 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.**

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#### **D) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Gokul Nagar, Bhainsa Village, Bhaina Mandal, Nirmal District:**

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a shop located at H. No. 4-3-3/136, Gokul Nagar, Bhainsa Village, Bhaina Mandal, Nirmal District on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. Adluri Karthik 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. **11 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, antidiabetic drugs, etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 15,000** during the raid.

Sri. M. Shyam Sunder, Drugs Inspector, Nirmal, carried out the raid under the supervision of Sri. N. Narsaiah, Assistant Director, Nizamabad. 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.

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### **E) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October, DCA officials detected certain drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials of Secunderabad Zone have detected the product '**RESOLAC-R Sachets**' (Saccharomyces Boulardii, Lactic acid Bacillus & Racecadotril 10mg) 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 Shivani Life Sciences, Gullarwala Sai road, Baddi, Solan, HP. As per the label claim of the product, it is classified as a 'drug' according to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The product '**RESOLAC-R Sachets**' 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. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet carried out the raid under the supervision of Smt. D. Saritha, Assistant Director, Secunderabad, at a medical shop in Malakpet. 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.**

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**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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