

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located in Dilsukhnagar, Ranga Reddy District, which was operating illegally without a drug license. During the raid, DCA seized stocks worth Rs. 1.15 lakhs from the premises.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Lambadigadda, Puppalguda, Gandipet, Ranga Reddy District and seized stocks worth Rs. 1.85 lakhs from the premises.

A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Dilsukhnagar, Ranga Reddy District

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a medical shop located at D. No. 13-10-1, Shop No: 2, Ground Floor, Mahalaxmi Ganapati Complex, P & T Colony, Dilsukhnagar, Saroornagar, Ranga Reddy District, on 24th October, 2024. Neerkanti Nagesh 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. **19 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, antihistaminics, antiulcer drugs, etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 1.15 lakhs** during the raid.

Sri. J. Nagaraju, Drugs Inspector, Saroornagar, and Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar 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 unlicensed shops, which 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.

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.

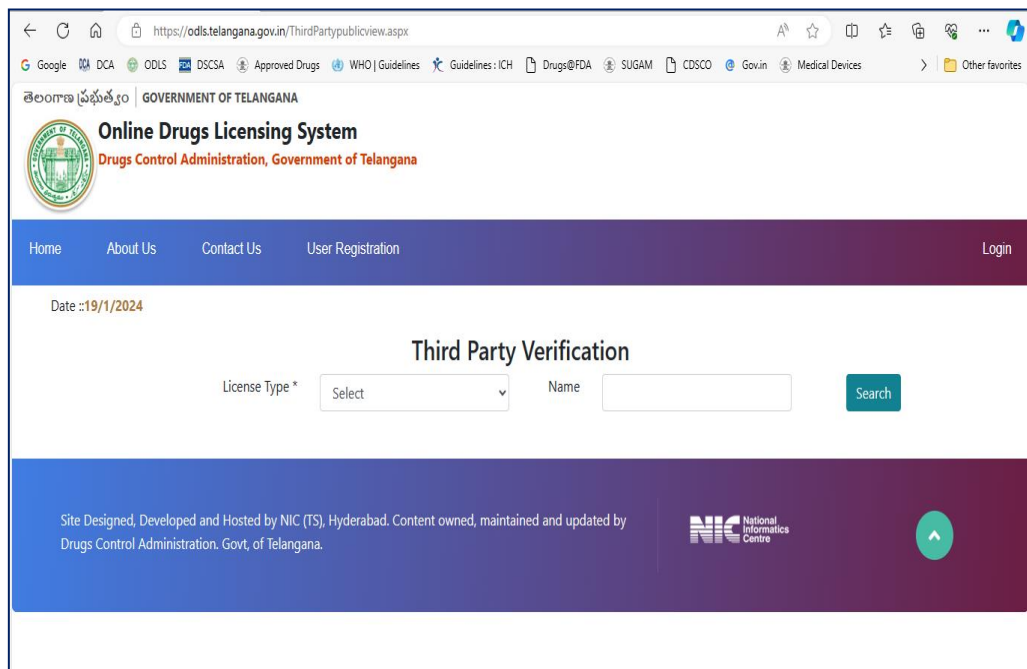
Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

The public should avoid purchasing medicines from unlicensed medical shops. Buying medicines from such sources significantly increases the risks to public health as they are unregulated. It is advisable to purchase medicines

only from licensed medical shops. Licensed medical shops typically **'display their drug licences'** issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conspicuously in a prominent place that is easily visible to the public. Selling medicines without a licence is considered an offence, and medicines purchased from unlicensed premises are likely to be counterfeit products.

The public can verify whether a medical shop or pharmacy holds a license issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, through **'Third Party Verification'**.

Public can enter the name of the pharmacy or medical shop in the search box provided under the **'Third Party Verification' section of the ODLS website** at <https://odls.telangana.gov.in/ThirdPartypublicview.aspx> to verify the details of the drug licences issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana. This allows individuals to check whether the medical shop or pharmacy is authorized to sell medicines or not.



B) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Lambadigadda, Puppalguda, Gandipet, Ranga Reddy District.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 24th October, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Ratan Biswas, at Sy. No. 198/A, Lambadigadda, Puppalguda, Gandipet, Ranga Reddy District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic named 'Balaji Clinic'.

During the raid, DCA officials detected 34 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, analgesics etc., found stocked at the premises without a drug licence. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of **Rs. 1.85 lakhs** during the raid.

DCA officials detected several '**antibiotics**' viz. Cefpodoxime, Cefixime, Ofloxacin, Amoxicillin etc. at the clinic during the raid. 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 Tablets at the clinic of the 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.

Smt. D. Swetha Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet and Smt. A. Shylaja Rani, Drugs Inspector, Serilingampally, 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.**

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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A) Photograph - Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Dilsukhnagar, Ranga Reddy District



B) Photograph - Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Lambadigadda, Puppalguda, Gandipet, Ranga Reddy District.