

Press Note

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, raided a quack's clinic in Peddemul Village, Vikarabad District, seizing Physician's Samples and other drugs stocked for sale from the premises.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 25th October, 2024 raided the premises of a quack **M. Gopal**, at D. No. 6-24, Market Road, Peddemul Village, Vikarabad District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected 28 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, antidiabetics, antihypertensives, antiulcer drugs, etc., stocked at the premises without a drug license. Among the drugs seized, 14 varieties were marked as "**Physician's Samples – Not to be Sold.**"

Physician's samples are manufactured by pharmaceutical companies for distribution to doctors to be given to their own patients as free samples and are not intended for sale.

DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of **Rs. 15,000** during the raid.

DCA officials detected several '**antibiotics**' viz. Cefuroxime Axetil, Ciprofloxacin, 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**'.

Sri. A.N. Kranthi Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Vikarabad carried out the raid under the supervision of Sri. K. Anil Kumar, Assistant Director, Serilingampally.

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.

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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DIRECTOR GENERAL

**Photograph - Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Peddemul Village,
Vikarabad District.**


