

## Press Note

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**A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located at Errapahad Village, Noothanakal Mandal, Suryapet District, which was operating illegally without a drug license and seized the stocks.**

**B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Deshmukhi Village, Bhoodhan Pochampally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District.**

**C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Feromen XT Tablets' (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid, Zinc Tablets) in Khammam, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.**

**D) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced medicine Sofrabact Cream (Mupirocin Cream 2% w/w) at Kamareddy – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.**

**E) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized certain medicines due to misleading advertisements:**

- a) **NORMACT Tablets**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'High Blood Pressure'.
- b) **Dava-Tone Syrup**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Kidney Stones'.
- c) **URICAL Syrup**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Kidney and Bladder Stones'.
- d) **D-Co-D Tablets**, a Siddha medicine, claimed to treat 'Diabetes'.

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## **A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Errapahad Village, Noothanakal Mandal, Suryapet District**

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a medical shop located at D. No. 2-47, Errapahad Village, Noothanakal Mandal, Suryapet District on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Jalagam Venkateshwarlu 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. **30 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, analgesics, etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 22,000** during the raid.

Sri. G. Surendar, Drugs Inspector, Suryapet 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 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.**

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**B) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Deshmukhi Village, Bhoodhan Pochampally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District**

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Akula Gopinath, at Door No. 1-56, Ground Floor, Shutter No. 1, Deshmukhi Village, Bhoodhan Pochampally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected 31 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, analgesics etc., found stocked at the premises without a drug licence. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 38,382/- during the raid.

DCA officials detected several higher generation '**antibiotics**' viz. Cefixime, Cefpodoxime, Ofloxacin, Ciprofloxacin, Doxycycline, Amoxicillin and Potassium Clavulanate at the clinic during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by unqualified persons may have disastrous consequences on the health of public, including emergence of '**Antimicrobial Resistance**'.

Sri. J. Ashwin Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri 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.

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### **C) 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Khammam have detected the product '**Feromen XT Tablets**' (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid, Zinc Tablets) circulating in the market. The product has been claimed to contain Ferrous Ascorbate equivalent to elemental iron 100 mg, Folic Acid 1.5 mg, Zinc Sulphate 22.5 mg. The product was found to be manufactured at Evertouch Lifecare, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

The said product was falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical. According to the label composition of the product, it is classified as a drug under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The product must be manufactured only under a 'drug licence' 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.

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



Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Urban carried out the raid.

**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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### **D) Seizure of overpriced medicines**

The details are as follows:

During the raids conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 Drugs Control Administration officials **seized overpriced medicine: Sofrabact Cream** (Mupirocin Cream 2% w/w) at Kamareddy.

The product Mupirocin Cream 2% w/w sold under brand name '**Sofrabact Cream**' is under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of the products shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

The details of the product seized for price violation is as follows:

<b>Product details</b>	<b>Sofrabact Cream</b> <b>(Mupirocin Cream 2% w/w)</b> B. No: E016, Mfg. Dt: 04/2024, Exp. Dt: 03/2026, <b>Manufactured by:</b> Progressive Lifesciences Pvt Ltd, Roorkee, Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
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MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 155 for 5 gm tube</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Mupirocin Cream 2% w/w”	Rs. 20.29 per 1gm i.e Rs. 101.45 per 5gm tube
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 113.6 per 5gm tube
<b>Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013</b>	<b>Rs. 41.37/- per 5 gm tube</b>

**Photograph of the Product Seized for Price Violation**



Sri. Raja Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Kamareddy carried out the raid. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

**The prices of Essential Medicines shall be in accordance with the Ceiling Prices fixed by the Central Government. Overpricing of essential medicines is a violation under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.**

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**E) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:**

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected certain medicines circulating in the market with misleading claims on their labels, stating that they treat **High Blood Pressure, Kidney Stones, Bladder Stones, Diabetes**. Such claims are in contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding the diseases/disorders indicated under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special drive conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Misleading Claim</b>	<b>Manufactured by</b>	<b>Detected at</b>
<b>NORMACT Tablets</b> (Ayurvedic Medicine)	<b>High Blood Pressure</b>	Kerala Ayurveda Ltd., Aluva, Kerala	Nizamabad
<b>DAVA-TONE Syrup</b> (Ayurvedic Medicine)	<b>Kidney Stones</b>	Bhavani Pharmaceuticals, Kalol, Gujarat	Uppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
<b>URICAL Syrup</b> (Ayurvedic Medicine)	<b>Kidney and Bladder Stones</b>	Ankh Pharmaceuticals,	Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri



	Disorders	IDA Kukatpally	District
<b>D-Co-D Tablets</b> (Siddha medicine)	<b>Diabetes</b>	Dr. JRK's Research and Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	Jadcherla, Mahabubnagar District

**Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements**



Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **High Blood Pressure, Kidney Stones, Bladder Stones, Diabetes** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. V. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Urban, Dr. B. Lakshmi Narayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal, Smt. N. Sahaja, Drugs Inspector, Kukatpally and Sri. Mohd. Rafhi Shaik, Drugs Inspector, Jadcherla, are among the officers who carried out the raids. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

**Persons who make misleading advertisements regarding drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders are punishable under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.**

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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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