

**Press Note**

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**Date: 14-11-2024**

**A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located at Noorkhan Bazar, Charminar, Hyderabad, which was operating illegally without a drug license and seized the stocks.**

**B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by quacks and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at two separate locations, including:**

- a) Chinthal, Quthbullapur Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.
- b) Fasalwadi Village, Sangareddy District.

**C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized Thioget tablets (Thiamine Hydrochloride 100mg Tablets) in Warangal, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.**

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

- a) **Podapathri Churnam**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Leprosy and Diabetes'.
- b) **Arjuna Churnam**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Blood Pressure'.
- c) **AbiSTONE-B6 syrup**, an Allopathic medicine, claimed to treat 'Urinary Stones'.

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**A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Noorkhan Bazar, Charminar, Hyderabad**

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a medical shop located at D. No. 22-2-7/1, Ground Floor, Komatwadi, Noorkhan Bazar, Charminar, Hyderabad on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Dr. Yahya Aslam Bin Mahfooz 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. **23 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, analgesics, etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 18,000** during the raid.

Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad and Smt. B. Lakshmi, Drugs Inspector, Charminar 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) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics:**

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 13<sup>th</sup> November, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks who were claiming themselves as 'Rural Medical Practitioners' and 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	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1	P. Ravindran	D. No. 5-242, Ground floor , Chintal, Quthbullapur Village & Mandal, Medchal- Malkajgiri District.	22 varieties
2	Devasoth Gopal	Gemini Clinic, Shop No:1, H.No: 1-20-1, Beside Govt High School, Fasalwadi Village, Sangareddy Mandal & District.	21 varieties

Medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, anti-ulcer drugs, analgesics, cough syrups, antidiabetics, antihypertensives, etc., were found stocked at the premises.

DCA officials detected several higher generation **'antibiotics'** viz. Ceftriaxone, Cefixime, Cefpodoxime 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. Dexamethasone at the clinics of quacks. 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. 40,000/-**, during the special raids.

Sri. E. Thirupathi, Drugs Inspector, Quthbullapur and Sri. N. Ravikiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy 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.

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### **C) Seizure of drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'**

The details are as follows:

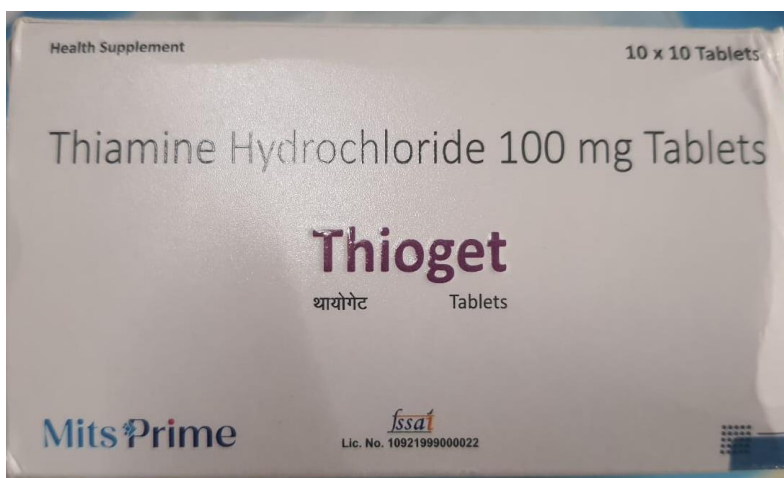
During the raids carried out on 13<sup>th</sup> November, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Warangal have detected the product **Thioget Tablets (Thiamine Hydrochloride 100mg Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured at **Lakra Polytex, Kala Amb, Sirmour, Himachal 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. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal 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 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 **‘Leprosy, Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Urinary Stones’**. Such claims are in contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and Schedule J of Drugs Rules, 1945**.

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 / Schedule J of Drugs Rules, 1945 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 / Schedule J of Drugs Rules, 1945.

During the raids conducted on 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>Podapathri Churnam (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Leprosy and Diabetes	Arogya Rama Herbals, Shamirpet, Medchal-Malkajgiri District	Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
<b>Arjuna Churnam (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Blood Pressure	Arogya Rama Herbals, Shamirpet, Medchal-Malkajgiri District	Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
<b>AbiSTONE-B6 syrup (Allopathic Medicine)</b>	Urinary Stones	Biocore Pharmaceuticals, Baddi, Solan, Himachal Pradesh.	Bhupalpally

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **'Leprosy, Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Urinary Stones'** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 / Schedule J of Drugs Rules, 1945.

Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal, Smt. M. Hemalatha, Drugs Inspector, Gandimaisamma and Smt. P. Pavani, Drugs Inspector, Bhupalpally 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 and Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 r/w Rule 106, Schedule J of Drugs Rules, 1945.**

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



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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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