

Press Note

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted a raid on Gayatri Medical and General Stores located in Seethaphalmandi, Secunderabad, and detected several violations, including the stocking of expired drugs, the indiscriminate sale of habit-forming drugs, and the unauthorized sale of abortion kits, etc. During the raid, the DCA seized stocks worth Rs. 1.25 lakhs from the premises.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized 'Chloramphenicol P.D. Col Eye Ointment I.P. 1% w/w,' an allopathic medicine, in Ramanthapur, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, for making misleading advertisement claiming that it is for the "prophylaxis and treatment of eye infections."

A) Raid Conducted at Gayatri Medical and General Stores, Secunderabad

On 16th November 2024, officials of the Drugs Control Administration, Secunderabad Zone, acting on credible information, raided a medical shop named Gayatri Medical and General Stores, located in Seethaphalmandi, Secunderabad, and detected several breaches of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the Rules made thereunder.

The violations detected include the stocking of expired drugs alongside saleable drugs, failure to produce purchase bills for Codeine syrups, selling habit-forming drugs without sale bills, selling abortion drugs without the prescription of a qualified doctor, etc.

During the raid, DCA officers seized 45 varieties of drugs with a total worth of **Rs. 1.25 lakhs**.

Smt. D. Saritha, Assistant Director, Secunderabad, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad, Sri. M. Surendranath, Drugs Inspector, Begumpet and Smt. P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad 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.

Selling drugs in violation of the conditions of the drug licence is an offence punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment of up to two years.

B) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

Officials of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, detected an allopathic medicine, '**Chloramphenicol P.D. Col Eye Ointment I.P. 1% w/w,**' circulating in the market with a misleading claim on its label stating that it is for the "**prophylaxis and treatment of eye infections.**" This claim constitutes a 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 raid conducted on 16th November 2024 to detect medicines circulating in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, DCA officials identified a product labeled as '**Chloramphenicol P.D. Col Eye Ointment I.P. 1% w/w,**' manufactured by Packsules, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The label of the product contains a misleading claim stating that it is for the **“prophylaxis and treatment of eye infections.”**

Photograph of the product seized for making misleading advertisement



The said ayurvedic medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical store in **Ramanthapur, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.** Stocks were seized during the raid.

Advertisement of a medicine for “**prophylaxis and treatment of eye infections**” is prohibited under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Smt. G. Indira Priyadarshini, Drugs Inspector, Habsiguda carried out the raid. 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.

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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**Photograph – Raid Conducted at Gayatri Medical and General Stores,
Secunderabad**



**Photograph – Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements in
Ramanthapur, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.**


