

## Press Note

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**A)** Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted a raid on an unlicensed premises located in **Thanamcherla Village, Maripeda Mandal, Mahabubabad District**, where drugs were illegally stocked for sale. During the raid, the DCA seized stocks worth Rs. 53,691/-. The seized drugs included **Physician's Samples, Expired Drugs, Institutional Supply Drugs**, and other items from the premises.

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

- a) Chowdarpally Village, Gandeed Mandal, Mahabubnagar District
- b) Sugur Village, Pebbair Mandal, Wanaparthy District
- c) Adasarlpadu Village, Vemsoor Mandal, Khammam District

**C)** In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **Feroze-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** in Medchal, 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) **VOLIRUN Oil**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Rheumatism**'.
- b) **Tulasi Leaf Choornam**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Fevers**'.
- c) **ED PHENICOL Eye Capsules**, an Allopathic medicine, claimed for prophylaxis and treatment of **infections of the eye**.
- d) **Urisis Kit**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Kidney Stones**'.

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## **A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Premises in Thanamcherla Village, Maripeda Mandal, Mahabubabad District**

On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, officials of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, acting on credible information regarding the illegal stocking and sale of medicines, raided an unlicensed premises located at D. No. C/80, Thanamcherla Village, Maripeda Mandal, Mahabubabad District. Nimmani Kotaiah had been stocking **veterinary drugs** at his residence for illegal sale without a drug licence.

During the raid, DCA officers detected the unauthorized stocking of a large quantity of medicines intended for sale. A total of **72 varieties** of veterinary medicines were found at the premises, including 58 physician's samples, 10 salable drugs, 1 expired drug, and 3 institutional supply drugs. Officers seized the stock, worth **Rs. 53,691/-**.

Smt. S. Umarani, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubabad and Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Urban 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 and dealers who supply medicines to individuals stocking and selling drugs without a drug licence are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Stringent action will be taken against such wholesalers and dealers. They shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug licence before supplying medicines to them.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licences 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 licence is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

## **B) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics:**

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 19<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.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Quack</b>	<b>Address of the premises</b>	<b>Varieties of medicines found stocked</b>
<b>1</b>	Md. Gulam Rasool	D.No.1-18, Chowdarpally Village, Gandeed Mandal, Mahabubnagar District	49 varieties and 1 expired drug
<b>2</b>	Mohammed Khaja Moinuddin	Sugur Village, Pebbair Mandal, Wanaparthi District	38 varieties
<b>3</b>	Inapanuri Jeevaratnam <i>alias</i> Jeevankumar	D. No. 1-31, Adasarlpadu Village, Vemsoor Mandal, Khammam District	28 varieties

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

DCA officials detected several higher generation **'antibiotics'** viz. **Norfloxacin, Cefixime, 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, Prednisolone** 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. 99,650/-**, during the special raids.

Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubnagar, Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy, Sri. K. Devender Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Rural, Sri. S. Vishwanth Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool, Sri. S. Vinay, Drugs Inspector, Narayanpet are among the officers who 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**

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

The details are as follows:

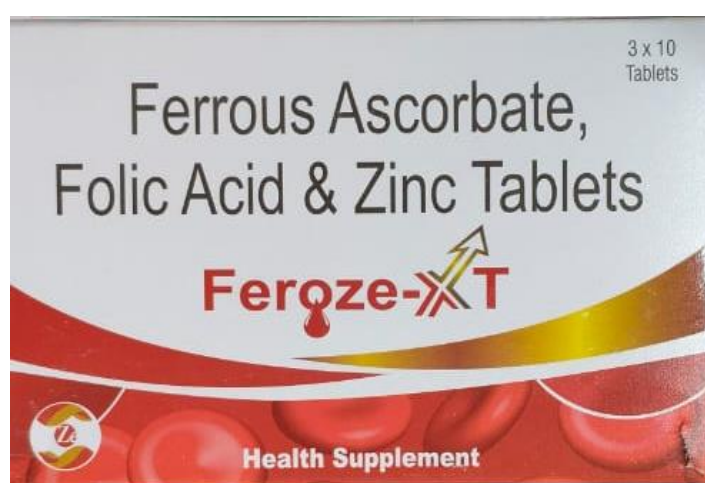
During the raids carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> November, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Medchal have detected the product **Feroze-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured at Ridge Formulations Pvt. Ltd., Solan, Himachal Pradesh and Marketed by: ZeRemedies Hyderabad.

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.

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



Smt. B. Mounika, Drugs Inspector, Medchal and Smt. M. Hemalatha, Drugs Inspector, Gandimaisamma are among the officers who 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 **'Rheumatism, Fevers (in general), Diabetes, Diseases and disorders of the optical system, Kidney Stones'**. 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 raids conducted on 19<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>VOLIRUN Oil (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Rheumatism	Ruhani Herbals, Plot No. 394, Phase-9, Indl. Area, Mohali, Punjab	Vikarabad

<b>Tulasi Leaf Choornam (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Fevers	Maddi Pharmaceuticals, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad.	Bakaram, Gandhi Nagar, Hyderabad.
<b>Madhuriktha Powder (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Diabetes	Samraksha Ayurvedic Pharmacy, 162, Prasanthi Nagar, Kukatpally	Ameenpur Village, Sangareddy District
<b>ED PHENICOL Eye Capsules 200 mg (Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment IP 1% w/w) (Allopathic Medicine)</b>	For prophylaxis and treatment of infections of the eye	Eamon Drugs Pvt. Ltd., 104 A-2, 105 A-1, Industrial Area Sector-E, Sanwer Road, Indore	Annaram Village, Gummadidala Mandal, Sangareddy District
<b>Urisis Kit (Ayurvedic Medicine)</b>	Kidney Stones	Ruhani Herbals, Plot No. 394, Phase-9, Indl. Area, Mohali, Punjab	Malkajgiri

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







Advertising a medicine for the treatment of '**Rheumatism, Fevers (in general), Diabetes, Diseases and disorders of the optical system, Kidney Stones**' is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. A. N. Kranthi Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Vikarabad, Smt. P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad, Sri. T. Praveen Kumar, Drugs Inspector,

Bollaram, Sri. G. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Jinnaram, Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri 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.**

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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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