

Press Note

Press Note No. 14/11/DCA/2024

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Kakarvai Village, Thirumalayapalem Mandal, Khammam Dist.

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

- a) **DIVYA GODHAN ARK**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat **'Obesity'**.
- b) **BHANDARI Sodium Phosphates Enema BP**, an Allopathic medicine, claimed to treat **'Convulsions'**.
- c) **Stone Rid Ras**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat **'Kidney Stones'**.
- d) **Chintaginjala Choornam**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat **'High Blood Pressure'**.

A) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Kakarvai Village, Thirumalayapalem Mandal, Khammam Dist

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 22nd November, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Parala Anjaiah, at D. No. 4-7,

Kakarvai Village, Thirumalayapalem Mandal, Khammam District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected 55 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, analgesics etc., found stocked at the premises without a drug licence. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 84,760/- during the raid.

DCA officials detected several higher generation **'antibiotics'** viz. Cefixime, Cefuroxime etc. 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'**.

Officials found **'steroids'** viz. Dexamethasone, Prednisolone etc. at the clinic of quack. 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.

Sri. K. Devender Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khammam Rural 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.

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.**

B) 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 **Obesity, Convulsions, Kidney Stones, High Blood Pressure**. 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 22nd and 23rd November to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

Product	Misleading Claim	Manufactured by	Detected at
DIVYA GODHAN ARK (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Obesity	Divya Pharmacy, Uttarakhand	Shadnagar, Farooqnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District
BHANDARI Sodium Phosphates Enema BP (Allopathic Medicine)	Convulsions	Bhandari Labs, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.	Bhainsa Village, Nirmal District
Stone Rid Ras (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	Indian Herbo Pharma, Ludhaina, Punjab	Sunkidi Village Talamadugu Mandal, Adilabad District
Chintaginjala Choornam (Ayurvedic Medicine)	High Blood Pressure	Grovel Drugs and chemical Pvt. Ltd., IDA-Bollaram, Sangareddy Dist, Telangana	Nagarkurnool

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

Dr. P. Sravanthi Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Maheshwaram, Sri. M. Shyam Sundar, Drugs Inspector, Nirmal, Smt. A. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Adilabad, Sri. S. Vishwanth Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool 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.

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



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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