

Press Note

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on **two clinics** operated by **quacks** at **Gopalpur Village, Elkathirthi Mandal, Hanamkonda District**, and seized illegally stocked drugs.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **Medford-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Sulphate Tablets)** in **Toopran Village, Medak District**, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

C) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **SOFTAMYCITIN CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE OINTMENT IP 1.0% w/w SOFT MEDICAPS**, an allopathic medicine, in **Jillelaguda Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District** for making **misleading advertisements** claiming it is for the prophylaxis and treatment of eye infections.

A) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics:

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 28th 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	Chidurala Markandaya	D. No. 2-111, Gopalpur Village, Elkathirthi Mandal, Hanamkonda District	25 varieties
2	Sripathi Madhukar	D. No. 2-123, Gopalpur Village, Elkathirthi Mandal, Hanamkonda District	17 varieties

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

DCA officials detected several '**antibiotics**' 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**'.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 27,000/-**, during the raids.

Smt. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal, Sri. J. Kiran Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Hanumakonda and Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal 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, 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.**

B) 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 28th November, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

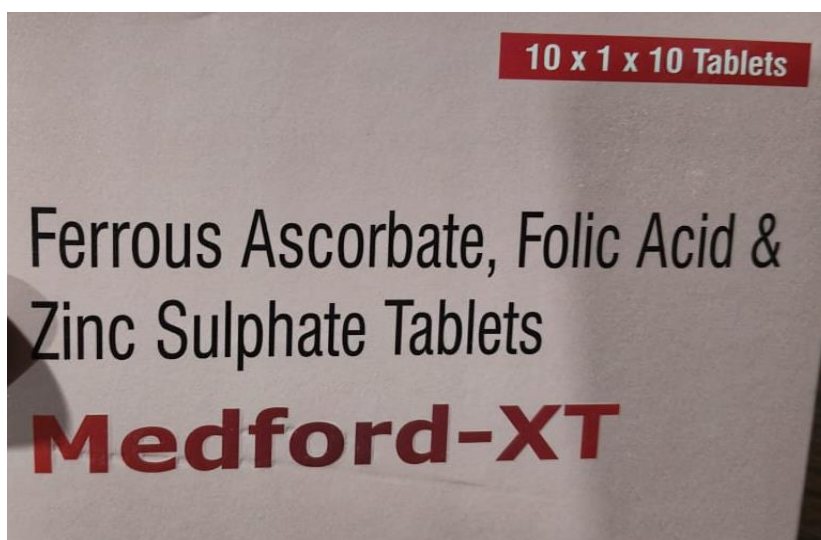
Drugs Control Administration officials in Toopran Village, Medak District have detected the product **Medford-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Sulphate Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured at Creative Nutritions, L.N.Colony, IDA Uppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana and Marketed by: Tesco Pharma, Salivary Salhapur, Roorkee, Uttarakhand.

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. P. Chandrakala, Drugs Inspector, Medak 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.

C) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

During the raid conducted on 28th November to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected an allopathic medicine **SOFTAMYCITIN CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE OINTMENT IP 1.0% w/w SOFT MEDICAPS** Manufactured by: Soft Medicaps Limited, 50-B, 52-A, 53-B, 53-D, Sector-C, Industrial Area No.1, Dewas – 455 001 (M.P), moving in the market with **misleading advertisement claiming it is for the prophylaxis and treatment of eye infections**, which is 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.

The said allopathic medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical store in Jillelaguda Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. Stocks were seized during the raid.

Advertisement of a medicine for treatment of **'diseases and disorders of the optical system'** is prohibited under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. V. Ravikumar, Drugs Inspector, Balapur carried out the raid.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Photograph of the product seized for making misleading advertisement



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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