

Press Note

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located at **Wankidi Village, Neradigonda Mandal, Adilabad District**, which was operating illegally without a drug license and seized the stocks.

B) In a separate event, DCA, Telangana raided a **quack's clinic** and seized drugs stocked for sale at **Shaikpet, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad**.

C) In separate events, DCA, Telangana **seized two overpriced medicines** – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

- a) **Tver Ointment** (Mupirocin ointment IP 2% w/w) at Ameenpur, Sangareddy District.
- b) **Sazolet 500 mg** (Sulfasalazine Tablets USP) at Pashamylaram, Sangareddy District.

D) In a separate event, DCA, Telangana seized **Rudifer Tablets** (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) in **Hayathnagar, Ranga Reddy District**, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

E) In separate events, DCA, Telangana seized certain medicines due to misleading advertisements:

1. **YURIWIN Tablets**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Kidney Stones**'.
2. **Rumafin Oil**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Rheumatoid Arthritis**'.
3. **Thyro-C Capsule**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Goitre**'.
4. **Unkold N Flu Ultra Tablets**, an Allopathic medicine, claimed to treat '**Fever**'.
5. **Tulasi Powder**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Fevers**'.

A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Wankidi Village, Neradigonda Mandal, Adilabad District

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a medical shop located at D. No. 1-5, Rajura Road, Wankidi Village, Neradigonda Mandal, Adilabad District on 19th

December, 2024. Abdul Rahim 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. **31 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, analgesics, steroids etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth Rs. 15,000 during the raid.

Smt. A. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Adilabad 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 unlicensed entities, which are stocking and selling drugs without a drug licence, 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 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) Raid conducted at quacks' clinic at Shaikpet, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad:

The details are as follows:

On 19th December, officials from the Drugs Control Administration conducted a raid on the premises of a quack who was claiming to be a 'Private Medical Practitioner' and practicing medicine without proper qualifications at his clinic.

During the raid at the following premise, 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	Syed Azam	D. No. 8-1-405/A/45, Near 7 Tombs Road, Mini Gulshan Colony, Shaikpet, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.	22 varieties

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

DCA officials detected several higher generation **'antibiotics'** viz. Amoxicillin etc. at the clinic during the raid. 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 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.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 10,000/-**, during the raid. Smt. Ch. Swapna, Drugs Inspector, Jubilee Hills 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.

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C) Seizure of overpriced medicines

The details are as follows:

During the raids conducted on 19th December, 2024 Drugs Control Administration officials **seized two overpriced medicines:** Tver Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w 5 gm) at Ameenpur, Sangareddy District and Sazolet 500 mg (Sulfasalazine Tablets USP) at Pashamylaram, Sangareddy District.

The product Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w 5 gm sold under the brand name 'Tver Ointment' and Sulfasalazine Tablets USP sold under brand name 'Sazolet 500 mg' are under price control as per the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of the products shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

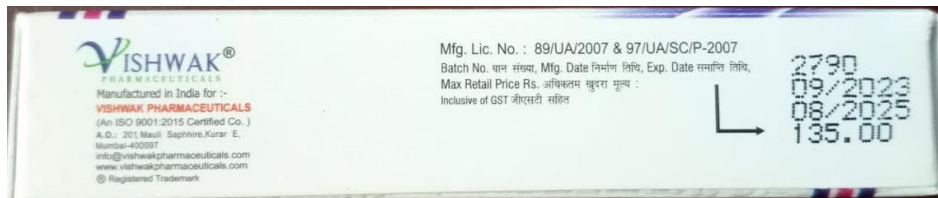
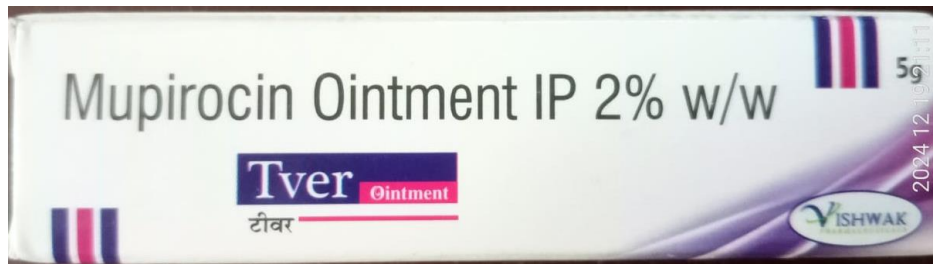
The details of the products seized for price violation are as follows:

Product details	Tver Ointment (Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w 5 gm) of B. No.: 2790, Mfg. Dt.: 09/2023; Exp. Dt.:08/2025; Manufactured By: Regent Ajanta Biotech, 86-87, Village. Makhiyali, DUNDI, Peerpura road, Roorkee-247667 Uttarakhand. Manufactured for: Vishwak Pharmaceuticals Address: A.O:201 Mauli Sapphire,Kurar, E Mumbai Maharastra, Pin – 400097
MRP indicated on the label of the product	<u>MRP Rs. 135 for 5 gm ointment - on the label of the product</u>
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Mupirocin Ointment IP 2% w/w”	Rs. 20.29 per gram
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 22.72 per gram i.e. Rs. 113.624 per <u>5 gm ointment</u>
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 21.37 excess per 5 gm ointment
Product details	Sazolet 500 mg (Sulfasalazine Tablets USP 500 mg) of B. No.: 23I-T216 Mfg. Dt: 12/2023; Exp Dt: 11/2025; Manufactured By:

	Orison Pharma International , Vill. Khari, Mauza Ogli, Kala Amb, Distt. Sirmour- 173030, Himachal Pradesh. Marketed By: Ikon Remedies Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.
MRP indicated on the label of the product	MRP Rs. 65.50 per 10 Tablets on the label of the product
Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product “Sulfasalazine Tablets 500 mg”	Rs. 4.72 for one tablet
Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)	Rs. 52.86 for ten tablets
Excess Price Charged in violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013	Rs. 12.64/- for 10 tablets

Photographs of the Products Seized for Price Violation

a) Tver Ointment



b) Sazolet 500 mg



Sri. T. Praveen Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bollaram and Sri. M. Varaprasad, Drugs Inspector, Pashamylaram carried out the raids. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

The prices of Essential Medicines shall be in accordance with the Ceiling Prices fixed by the Central Government. Overpricing of essential medicines is a violation under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.

D) 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 19th December, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Haythnagar, Ranga Reddy District have detected the product **Rudifer Tablets** (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured at Maxtra Laboratories, Rangarangaiah Nagar, Chengicherla Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana and marketed by MANSA Medi Impex, 3-12-14/14, 2nd floor, Vishalandra Colony, LB Nagar - 500 074, Ranga Reddy District.

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'**



Sri. L. Raju, Drugs Inspector, Hayathnagar 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.

E) 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 '**Kidney Stones, Rheumatism, Goitre, Fever**'. 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 19th December 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
YURIWIN Tablets (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	Rasraj Ayurvedic Pharmacy, G-259, RIICO Industrial Area, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Jagtial
Rumafin Oil (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Susrutha Pharmaceuticals, Plot No. 9/82, Model Industrial Park, Mallavalli Village, Bapulapadu Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.	Kothagudem
Thyro-C Capsule (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Goitre	Mukti Pharmaceuticals, 339, Shivaji Nagar, Indore – 452 003, Madhya Pradesh. Marketed by: Savita Traders, Khairtabad, Hyderabad	Bachupally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.
Unkold N Flu Ultra Tablets (Allopathic Medicine)	Fever	ASPO Pharmaceuticals LLP, Plot No. 10, HIMUDA Industrial area, Phase-IV, Bhatoli Kalan, Baddi, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.	Kalsiguda, Bollaram, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
Tulasi Powder (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Fevers	Anjaneya Herbals, D.No :1-19,Mulapadu, Ibrahimpatnam , NTR Dist., Andhra Pradesh.	Khammam

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of '**Kidney Stones, Rheumatism, Goitre, Fever**' is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. V. Upender, Drugs Inspector, Jagtial, Sri. Ch. Sampath Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bhadradri-Kothagudem, Smt. M. Sree Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Bachupally, Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri, Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam 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.

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



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.

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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