

Press Note

Press Note No. 16/12/DCA/2024

Date: 25-12-2024

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted a raid on an **unlicensed premises** located at Dr. Anand's Dental Clinic, Chandanagar, Rangareddy District, which was **operating illegally without a valid drug license**, and seized the stocks

B) In a separate event, DCA **seized overpriced anti-fungal medicine 'ITRAMEN-200 Capsules'** (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at Bandimet, Secunderabad – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

C) In a separate event, DCA seized **'Neem Churnam,'** an Ayurvedic medicine, in **Nagarkurnool** for making **misleading advertisement** that it treats **'Fevers'**.

A) Seizure Conducted at an Unlicensed Premises in Chandanagar, Rangareddy District

The details are as follows:

Officials of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, acting on credible information regarding the illegal stocking and sale of medicines, raided Dr. Anand's Dental Clinic located in Chandanagar, Rangareddy District, on 24th December 2024. The premises was found to be **operating illegally without a valid drug license**.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale. **11 varieties** of medicines including Antibiotics, Analgesics, Antiulcer drugs 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. Shylaja Rani, Drugs Inspector, Serilingampally and Smt. D. Swetha Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet 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 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 overpriced medicines

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 24th December, Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'ITRAMEN-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) at a medical shop located in Bandimet, Secunderabad.

The product Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg sold under brand name 'ITRAMEN-200 Capsules' is under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of product shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

The product 'ITRAMEN-200 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg) of Batch No. C-2309054, Mfg. Date: 09-2023, Exp. Date: 02-2025; Manufactured by: Rivpra Formulation Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 8, Sector-6A, I.I.E, SIDCUL, Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Manufactured For: Menrik Biomerge Pvt. Ltd., 5, Manak Vihar, Opposite Yojna Vihar, New Delhi, **bears MRP as Rs. 350/- for 10 capsules, on the label of the product** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government including Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the product "Itraconazole Capsules 200 mg" is **Rs. 22.12 for one capsule (Ceiling Price) i.e. Rs. 221.2 for 10 capsules.**

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 247.7 for 10 capsules** (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 102.23/- for 10 capsules** which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.**

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

Secunderabad, Smt. P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad carried out the raid.

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

Photographs of the Product Seized for Price Violation



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.

C) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration detected an Ayurvedic medicine '**Neem Churnam,**' moving in the market with **misleading claim** on its label that it treats '**Fevers**' which is a contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**. The said ayurvedic medicine was

manufactured by Arogya Rama Herbals, Devaryamjal, Shamirpet, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

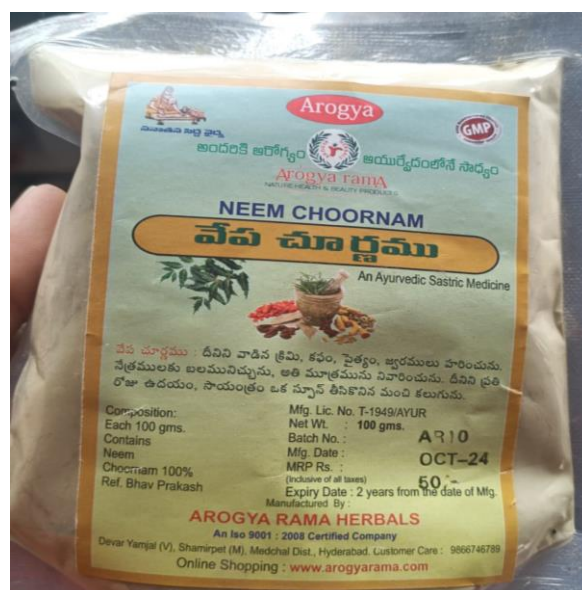
Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding the diseases/disorders indicated under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

The said ayurvedic medicine was detected by DCA officials at a store in Nagarkurnool. Stocks were seized during the raid.

Advertisement of a medicine for treatment of **'Fevers'** is prohibited under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. S. Viswanth Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Nagarkurnool 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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