

**Press Note**

Press Note No. 19/12/DCA/2024

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**A)** Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, busted the unauthorized manufacturing of certain drugs at **Akron Formulations India Pvt. Ltd.** in Bollaram Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy District.

Stocks worth **Rs. 2 Crores** were seized during the raid.

**B)** In a separate event, DCA, Telangana, seized **Spurious Drugs (Counterfeit Versions)** 'Montek-LC' Tablets (Montelukast Sodium and Levocetirizine Hydrochloride Tablets), **falsely** claimed to be manufactured by Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd.

During the raids conducted by DCA based on gathered intelligence, **counterfeit versions** of 'Montek-LC' Tablets were detected circulating in the market at Santoshnagar, Malakpet, Hyderabad. The stocks were seized during the raids.

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

- a) **Konda Pindi Churnam**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Kidney Stones**'.
- b) **P Mycetin Ointment**, an Allopathic Medicine, claimed for '**prophylaxis and treatment of infections of the eyes**'.

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**A) Busting of Unauthorized Drug Manufacturing at Akron Formulations India Pvt. Ltd., Bollaram Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy District.**

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information, conducted a raid at Akron Formulations India Pvt. Ltd., located at Plot No. 134-B, S.V. Co-Op Industrial Estate, Bollaram Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy District, on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, and **detected unauthorized manufacturing of certain drugs.**

During the raid, DCA officers detected the unlicensed manufacturing of certain ointments and creams, including:

- Asperflex cream Topical Analgesic Cream
- Medpura (Zinc Oxide 20 % Ointment)
- Ammonium lactate 12% Lotion
- Ammonium lactate 12% Cream

Huge stocks of the aforementioned drugs, manufactured illegally without a drug license at the manufacturing facility, were seized:

1. **Asperflex Cream Topical Analgesic Cream**, Lot No.: MMC2401A, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 5064 x 85 gm
2. **Medpura (Zinc Oxide 20 % Ointment)**, Lot No. Z002402A, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 7176 x 56.7 gm
3. **Medpura (Zinc Oxide 20 % Ointment)**, Lot No. Z002402B, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 2592 x 85 gm

4. **Ammonium lactate 12% Lotion**, Lot No. ALL240002B, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 45 x 400 gm
5. **Ammonium lactate 12% Lotion**, Lot No. ALL240001A, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 72 x 225 gm
6. **Ammonium lactate 12% Cream**, Lot No. ALC2402A, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 6 x 140 gm
7. **Ammonium lactate 12% Cream**, Lot No. ALC2403A, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 4 x 140 gm
8. **Ammonium lactate 12% Cream**, Lot No. ALC2401A, EXP: OCT 2026, Manufactured for: Akron Pharma, Inc. Fairfield, NJ-07004, USA Qty: 6 x 140 gm

DCA officials seized stocks worth **Rs. 2 Crores** during the raid and lifted samples for analysis.

Sri. P. Ramu, Assistant Director, Patancheru, Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Ranga Reddy, Sri. G. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Bollaram, Sri. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru, Sri. T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra, Sri. E. Naresh Reddy, Drugs inspector, Balanagar were among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation will be conducted, and action will be taken in accordance with the law against all offenders involved.

Drugs can only be manufactured under a license issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in compliance with the standards prescribed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Drugs manufactured without a license may not meet quality standards, and these products may pose serious risks to public health.

Manufacturing drugs without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act with imprisonment of up to five years.

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**B) Seizure of Spurious Drugs (Counterfeit Versions) ‘Montek-LC’ Tablets (Montelukast Sodium and Levocetirizine Hydrochloride Tablets), falsely claimed to be manufactured by Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd.**

Based on intelligence gathered by Drugs Control Administration officials, raids were conducted at several dealers in Hyderabad, leading to the detection of Spurious Drugs (Counterfeit Versions) ‘Montek-LC’ Tablets (Montelukast Sodium and Levocetirizine Hydrochloride Tablets) circulating in the market.

‘Montek-LC’ Tablets are used in the management of signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis, chronic idiopathic urticaria and bronchial asthma.

During the raids, Drugs Inspectors detained the stocks and obtained a comparison statement for the suspected batches from the original manufacturer, Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd., with the original batches. The manufacturer also concluded that the batch of ‘Montek-LC’ Tablets (Montelukast Sodium and Levocetirizine Hydrochloride Tablets) detained by the Drugs Control Administration were **“Spurious Drugs/Counterfeit Drugs”**.

During the raid conducted on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 at Hyper Pharma, Door No.: 17-1-375/1/1/3, Shop No 34, Santosh Nagar, Malakpet, Hyderabad, seized a counterfeit version of **‘Montek-LC’ Tablets** (Montelukast Sodium and

Levocetirizine Hydrochloride Tablets), Batch No.: SIE1911A, Mfg. Date: 07/2023, Exp. Date: 12/2025, falsely claimed to be manufactured by Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd., Plot No.107-108, Namli Block, P.O Ranipool, East-Sikkim.

**Counterfeit Version of 'Montek-LC' Tablets (Montelukast Sodium and Levocetirizine Hydrochloride Tablets), Batch No.: SIE1911A Seized by DCA**



Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet and Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad carried out the raids.

Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken against all offenders.

Spurious drugs pose a significant threat to public health, endangering patients' well-being. These drugs not only fail to treat the intended disease but

also can lead to severe health complications over time. DCA is actively working to ensure the removal of spurious drugs from the market.

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### **C) 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**', and '**For Prophylaxis and Treatment of Eye Infections**'. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024, 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>Konda Pindi Churnam</b> (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	Devi Naturals, LB Nagar, RR Dist., Telangana	Mehdipatnam
<b>P Mycetin Ointment</b> (Allopathic Medicine)	For prophylaxis and treatment of infections of the eyes	Pharma Corp. Inc (P) Ltd., Dewas Naka, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Nizamabad

Advertising a medicine for the treatment **'Kidney Stones', and 'For Prophylaxis and Treatment of Eye Infections'** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. P. Santosh, Drugs Inspector, Mehdipatnam and Sri. V. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Urban 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.**

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



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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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