

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION



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Press Note

Press Note No. 01/DCA/2025

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized Alcium-D3 Tablets (Calcium with Vitamin D3 Tablets) in Kothapet Village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs worth Rs. 1.5 lakhs were seized during the raid.

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located at Allapur, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, which was operating illegally without a drug license and seized the stocks.

A) 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 03rd January, 2025, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Uppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri
District have detected the product Alcium-D3 Tablets (Calcium with Vitamin

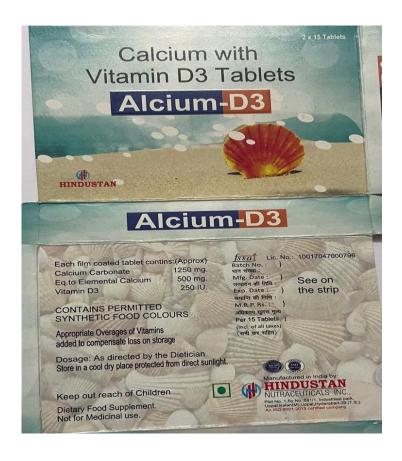
D3 Tablets) circulating in the market. The product was found to be

manufactured by **Hindustan Nutraceuticals Inc.**, Plot No. 1, Sy. No. 581/1, Industrial Park, Uppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

The said product was falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' (FSSAI. Lic. No. 10017047000796) 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'



Dr. B. Lakshmi Narayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal and Smt. G. Indira Priyadarshini, Drugs Inspector, Habsiguda carried out the raid under the supervision of Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Shameepet (i/c). Drugs worth **Rs. 1.5 lakhs** were seized during 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.

B) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Allapur, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a medical shop located at D. No. 14-20-28, Plot No. 149, Shivaji Nagar, Allapur, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District on 03rd January, 2025. Sarangi Naga Shiva 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. **59 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, analgesics, antiulcer drugs, anti-diabetic drugs, antihypertensive drugs etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth Rs. 30,000 during the raid.

Smt. N. Sahaja, Drugs Inspector, Kukatpally, Sri. E. Naresh Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Balanagar and Dr. R. Geethanjali, Drugs Inspector, Prashanthnagar carried out the raid under the supervision of Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal and Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad.

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.

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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DIRECTOR GENERAL

<u>Photograph – Seizure of the product falsely manufactured and sold under the</u> guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals' at Uppal



<u>Photograph – Seizure Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Allapur,</u> <u>Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District</u>