

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION



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Press Note

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by <u>quacks</u> and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at two separate locations, including:

- a) Thopucherla Village, Madugulapally Mandal, Nalgonda District
- b) Mallampet Village, Dundigal-Gandimaisamma Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

Since January 2024, the DCA has registered cases against 141 quacks for the illegal stocking and sale of drugs.

B) In a separate event, the DCA seized 'Mak-Plate Syrup,' an Ayurvedic medicine, in Eturunagaram, Mulugu District for making misleading advertisement that it treats 'Fevers'.

A) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics:

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 21st January, 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.

SI. No.	Name of the Quack	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1	Onteddu Saidireddy	D.No. 3-6, Thopucherla	31 varieties
		Village, Madugulapally	
		Mandal, Nalgonda District	
2	Nizamuddin Mohammad	H. No. 1-47, Ground floor,	22 varieties
		Behind Indira Gandhi Statue,	
		Mallampet Village, Dundigal-	
		Gandimaisamma Mandal,	
		Medchal – Malkajgiri District	

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

DCA officials detected several 'antibiotics' viz., Cefpodoxime, Amoxycillin etc. 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. 59,525/**-, during the special raids.

Sri. J. Ashwin Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Miryalaguda, Smt. M. Hemalatha, Drugs Inspector, Gandimaisamma, and Dr. R. Geethanjali, Drugs Inspector, Prashanthnagar 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 for misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected an ayurvedic medicine 'Mak-Plate Syrup,' moving in the market with misleading claim on its labels that it treats 'Fever & Dengue' 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.

During the raid conducted on 21st January to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, DCA officials detected 'Mak-Plate Syrup,' Manufactured by: Comex Herbal Product, Plot No. 158 B, Sector- 3, Indl.Area, H.S.I.I.D.C., Karnal-132001, Haryana, Marketed by: Maksun Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 1188/50, Kallaji, New Delhi.

Photograph of the product seized for making misleading advertisement



The said ayurvedic medicine was detected by DCA officials at a medical store in Eturunagaram, Mulugu District. 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.

Smt. P. Pavani, Drugs Inspector, Bhupalpally carried out the raid. 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, 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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Photographs - Raids conducted at quacks' clinics

a) Thopucherla Village, Madugulapally Mandal, Nalgonda District



b) Mallampet Village, Dundigal-Gandimaisamma Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District



Photograph - Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements at Eturunagaram, Mulugu District

