

## **Press Note**

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The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, as part of a **Special Drive** to verify discrepancies in **Veterinary Clinics/Pet Clinics and Medical Shops attached to these clinics**, conducted raids on **16<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**.

Raids were carried out at several medical shops in the **GHMC area**, with a focus on verifying discrepancies related to the sale of veterinary drugs.

During these inspections, discrepancies pertaining to **veterinary drugs** were detected in **42 medical shops**, and **Show Cause Notices** were issued to initiate departmental action against the violators.

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The details are as follows:

As part of a **Special Drive** conducted on **16<sup>th</sup> June**, inspections were carried out by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, at **Veterinary/Pet Clinics and Medical Shops attached to these clinics** in the districts of Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, and Sangareddy.

During the raids, special emphasis was laid on detecting violations related to the stocking and sale of **veterinary drugs** in pet clinics and medical shops in the GHMC area.

During the special raids, officers of the Drugs Control Administration detected several violations related to the sale of veterinary drugs in **42 medical shops**.

The officers detected several **violations** related to the **Veterinary Drugs**, including:

- Sale of veterinary prescription drugs without a valid prescription from a veterinarian.
- Sale of veterinary drugs without issuing bills to the purchasers.
- Non-maintenance and failure to produce sales bills for veterinary medicines sold.
- Dispensing of prescription veterinary medicines in the absence of a Registered Pharmacist.
- Failure to produce purchase bills for veterinary drugs.
- Failure to maintain prescription/schedule drug registers as mandated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.
- Irregularities in maintaining copies of sales and purchase bills for veterinary medicines.
- Stocking of expired veterinary drugs alongside saleable stock.
- Veterinary medicines not being stored separately from human medicines.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, is taking stringent regulatory action against the violators as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

The Department reiterates that **medical shops dealing with veterinary medicines** must mandatorily comply with the regulatory provisions to ensure the **quality, safety, and efficacy of drugs made available for veterinary use.**

The Drugs Control Administration appeals to the public to remain vigilant and report any such violations observed in veterinary medical shops or veterinary clinics to the Department.

**Overuse and indiscriminate use of antibiotics in food-producing animals** — including livestock such as cows, buffalo, sheep, and goats, as well as in poultry and fish farming — is a significant contributor to the growing threat of **Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).**

It is strongly advised that antibiotics shall **not** be used for the purpose of ‘growth promotion’ in animals. Their use must be strictly restricted to therapeutic needs under the professional supervision of a **qualified veterinarian**, and in accordance with regulatory guidelines, to safeguard both animal and public health.

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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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