

Press Note

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Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, arrested two offenders involved in dealing with Spurious (Counterfeit) Drugs on 25th June, 2025.

The arrested persons are as follows:

- 1. Praveen Kumar Kanodia, of Ganga Pharma Distributors, D. No. 4-4-230/B/5, Sultan Bazar, Inder Bagh, Koti, Hyderabad.**
- 2. Mithinti Srinivas, of Sri Nandini Pharma, D. No. 4-4-418 to 421, 1st Floor, Vittal Maruthi Lane, Gujarat Galli, Sultan Bazar, Koti, Hyderabad.**

The above dealers were arrested in connection with the seizure of Spurious (Counterfeit) Drugs — ‘Rosuvas F 20’ and ‘Rosuvas F 10’ Tablets (Rosuvastatin and Fenofibrate Tablets) — falsely claimed to be manufactured by Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

The Hon’ble II Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Court, Nampally, Hyderabad, ordered a 14-day judicial remand for the two accused, until 9th July, 2025, and they were subsequently sent to Chanchalguda Jail.

The details are as follows:

Based on intelligence gathered by Drugs Control Administration officials, raids were conducted at two dealers — Ganga Pharma Distributors and Sri Nandini Pharma — located in Inderbagh, Koti, Hyderabad, leading to the detection of Spurious Drugs (Counterfeit Versions) ‘Rosuvas F 20’ and

'Rosuvas F 10' Tablets (Rosuvastatin and Fenofibrate Tablets), which were seized by the DCA officers on 19th June, 2025.

Rosuvas F 20 and Rosuvas F 10 Tablets are used to lower cholesterol and triglyceride levels in the blood and help prevent heart-related problems.

A comparison statement for the suspected batches was obtained from the original manufacturer, **Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.**, against the corresponding original batches. The manufacturer confirmed that the batches of 'Rosuvas F 20' and 'Rosuvas F 10' Tablets (Rosuvastatin and Fenofibrate Tablets) detected by the Drugs Control Administration were indeed **"Counterfeit Drugs"**.

In connection with the detection of Spurious Drugs, Drugs Control Administration Officers, **arrested two offenders** involved in dealing with spurious (counterfeit) drugs on 25th June, 2025.

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The above-mentioned dealers were arrested by the Drugs Control Administration officers and produced before the Hon'ble II Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Court, Nampally, Hyderabad.

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accused, until 9th July, 2025, and they were subsequently sent to Chanchalguda Jail.

Spurious drugs pose a significant threat to public health, endangering patients' well-being. These drugs not only fail to treat the intended diseases but can also lead to severe health complications over time.

Further investigation is in progress to trace the source of the counterfeit drugs and to identify others involved in this illegal activity.

The Drugs Control Administration remains committed to safeguarding public health by ensuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of medicines made available to the public. The DCA is actively working to ensure the removal of spurious drugs from the market.

Stringent action shall be taken against all those found involved in the manufacture, distribution, or sale of spurious / counterfeit drugs. The Department urges the public and all stakeholders to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspected medicines to the nearest Drugs Control office.

The public may report any 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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