

Press Note

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Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, **arrested R. Venu Gopal**, Managing Partner-cum-Competent Person of **Venu Medical Agencies**, located in Sai Nagar, Doctors Street, Karimnagar, for dealing with **Spurious (Counterfeit) Drugs** on 11th July, 2025.

The said dealer was **arrested** in connection with the seizure of **Spurious (Counterfeit) Drug** — ‘Levipil 500’ Tablets (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg) — falsely claimed to be manufactured by **Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd.**

The Hon’ble I Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Karimnagar, ordered **judicial remand** for the accused, until 23rd July, 2025, following which the accused was sent to the **District Prison, Karimnagar.**

The Director General, Drugs Control Administration, Sri Shahnawaz Qasim, IPS, instructed the officers of the DCA to ensure **zero tolerance** towards dealers, medical shops, and pharmacies found involved in the **distribution or sale of spurious or counterfeit drugs**. Stringent legal action shall mandatorily be initiated against all such offenders, ensuring that they are brought to justice as per law.

The details are as follows:

Based on intelligence gathered by the Drugs Control Administration officials, raid was conducted at the premises of **Venu Medical Agencies**,

located in Sai Nagar, Doctors Street, Karimnagar, leading to the detection of **Spurious Drug (Counterfeit Version) 'Levipil 500' Tablets** (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg), which were seized by the DCA officers on 5th July, 2025.

Levipil 500 Tablet is an anti-epileptic medicine used to treat seizures (fits) in epilepsy.

A comparison statement for the suspected batch was obtained from the original manufacturer, **Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd.**, against the corresponding genuine batch. The manufacturer confirmed that the batch of 'Levipil 500' Tablets (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg) detected by the Drugs Control Administration were indeed **"Counterfeit Drugs"**.

In connection with the detection of Spurious Drugs, Drugs Control Administration officers arrested **R. Venu Gopal**, Managing Partner-cum-Competent Person of **Venu Medical Agencies**, located in Sai Nagar, Doctors Street, Karimnagar, for dealing with Spurious (Counterfeit) Drugs on **11th July, 2025**.

The above-mentioned dealer was arrested by the Drugs Control Administration officers and produced before the Hon'ble I Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Karimnagar.

The Hon'ble I Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Karimnagar, ordered judicial remand for the accused until 23rd July, 2025, following which the accused was sent to the District Prison, Karimnagar.

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.

The Drugs Control Administration shall maintain a policy of zero tolerance towards dealers, medical shops, and pharmacies found involved in the distribution or sale of spurious or counterfeit drugs. Stringent legal action shall mandatorily be initiated against all such offenders, ensuring that they are brought to justice as per law.

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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