

Press Note

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The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, as part of a **special drive** to detect irregularities in **retail medical shops** across the state, conducted inspections on **17th November, 2025**.

The special drive was conducted with prime emphasis on verifying the sale of **Schedule H1 drugs**, including **higher-generation antibiotics** and **habit-forming drugs**, and ensuring that retail medical shops dispense them only against a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner.

Show Cause Notices were issued to **196 retail medical shops** for various discrepancies detected by the inspection teams.

The details are as follows:

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted a special drive on **17th November, 2025**, to detect irregularities in the practices of retail medical shops across the State.

The drive focused primarily on verifying the sale of **Schedule H1 drugs**, including **higher-generation antibiotics** and **habit-forming drugs**, ensuring that they are dispensed only against a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner. The inspections also emphasized the proper maintenance of registers, dispensing of prescription drugs under the supervision of a

Registered Pharmacist, and verification of the sale of medicines by retail pharmacies in accordance with the revised GST slabs.

During the special drive, officers of the Drugs Control Administration detected several violations in **196 retail medical shops**.

The irregularities reported included the dispensing of Schedule H1 medicines without a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner; sale of prescription medicines in the absence of a Registered Pharmacist; non-maintenance or failure to produce Schedule H1 drug registers, sales bills, and purchase bills for medicines stocked in the retail medical shops; irregularities in maintaining copies of sales and purchase bills; and other related violations.

Show Cause Notices were issued to all the **196 retail medical shops** for the violations reported, and action shall be taken as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the Rules made thereunder.

The public may report any complaints regarding illegal activities related to medicines, as well as any other suspected manufacturing activities concerning drugs, including narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in residential, commercial, or industrial areas through the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969, operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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