

Press Note

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The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, as part of a **special drive** with emphasis on curbing the indiscriminate sale of **habit-forming drugs, abortion kits, and antibiotics** in **retail medical shops**, conducted inspections across the State on **10th December, 2025**.

The special drive was conducted with prime emphasis on verifying the sale of **prescription medicines**, including **Schedule H** and **Schedule H1** 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 **180 retail medical shops** for various discrepancies detected by the inspection teams during the special drive.

The details are as follows:

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted a special drive on **10th December, 2025**, to identify non-conformities in the **sale of prescription medicines** by retail medical shops.

The special drive primarily focused on verifying the sale of **Schedule H** and **Schedule H1** drugs—including **habit-forming medicines, abortion kits, and antibiotics**—and ensuring that they are dispensed strictly against a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner. The inspections also

placed emphasis on the proper maintenance of prescription registers by retail pharmacies, adherence to the requirement that prescription medicines be dispensed under the supervision of a Registered Pharmacist, and the detection of expired drugs or medicines stored in violation of the recommended storage conditions.

During the special drive, officers of the Drugs Control Administration detected several violations in **180 retail medical shops**.

The non-conformities reported included the dispensing of Schedule H and Schedule H1 prescription medicines without a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner; stocking of expired drugs; non-maintenance or failure to produce prescription 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 the sale of prescription medicines in the absence of a Registered Pharmacist.

Show Cause Notices were issued to all the **180 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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