

Press Release

Drugs Control Administration Telangana officials raided spurious 'Mehendi (Henna) Cone' manufacturing facility at Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad. Mehendi (Henna) Cones manufactured using a toxic chemical 'Picramic Acid' seized during the raid.

Brief details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officers gathered intelligence regarding manufacturing of spurious 'Mehendi (Henna) Cones' using a synthetic dye 'Picramic Acid' at an unlicensed premises 'Shakil Industries' at Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad and carried out a surprise raid on 09th January, 2024.

Sri. J. Kiran Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Hanamkonda gathered intelligence regarding movement of a spurious cosmetic under the name 'Special Karachi Mehendi Cone' in the market and identified the cosmetic product 'Special Karachi Mehendi Cone' Manufactured by Shakil Industries, Hyderabad and sent it for testing at Drugs Control Laboratory, Hyderabad.

Drugs Control Laboratory, Hyderabad issued a test report indicating the presence of 'Picramic Acid', which is a synthetic dye and should not be used in Henna (Mehendi) Cones as per the standards of 'Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) IS 17318:2020'.

Sri. J. Kiran Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Hanamkonda gathered intelligence regarding manufacturing of 'Special Karachi Mehendi Cone', which is adulterated with Picramic Acid at an unlicensed manufacturing facility at Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad.

Drugs Control Administration Officials Sri. J. Kiran Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Hanamkonda, Sri. P. Santosh, Drugs Inspector, Mehdipatnam, Sri. C. Vivekananda Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khairatabad and Sri. V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Goshamahal raided Shakil Industries, Mehdipatnam on 09th January, 2024 and detected manufacturing of 'Special Karachi Mehendi Cone' without a cosmetic manufacturing licence.

DCA officials seized huge stock of 'Special Karachi Mehendi Cone' during the raid from Mohammed Yousuf Ali, Proprietor of Shakil Industries, Mehdipatnam.

DCA officers seized the stocks and lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Cosmetics manufactured at unlicensed facilities may not meet quality standards prescribed by BIS and such cosmetics may have serious implications on public health. Cosmetic products which do not bear the details of 'Licence' on the label imply that they have been manufactured at unlicensed facilities and such cosmetic products may contain ingredients harmful to public health.

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