



**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION**



Press Release

**Drugs Control Administration, Telangana unearthed Counterfeit / Spurious
Drugs racket in Hyderabad**

The brief details are as follows:

On the basis of the intelligence gathered by the officers of Drugs Control Administration, Telangana regarding entry of Spurious Drugs into Telangana State from Kashipur, Uttarakhand, a special team of Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids at various locations in Hyderabad on 29th December and busted a Spurious/Counterfeit Drug racket of **fake** antibiotics, hypertension and cholesterol medicines, analgesics and seized stocks worth Twenty Six lakhs.

On credible information regarding shipping of Spurious Drugs to Hyderabad through a courier shipping company by name 'Trackon Couriers Pvt. Ltd.', the special team carried out raids at courier offices located at Dilsukhnagar and Uppal and found that two parcels each of weight 14.5 Kgs and 13.34 Kgs claimed to contain 'Machine Parts' were booked at Kashipur, Uttarakhand by Amar Pharmaceuticals, Ramnagar Road, Kashipur and the said parcels were delivered to Puvvada Lakshman, Hyderabad Mobile No. 8309612706.

DCA officials took assistance of the Police authorities to trace the location of Puvvada Lakshman through his mobile number and caught him at a bar near Shiva Ganga Theatre, Dilsukhnagar.

DCA officials raided the godown of Puvvada Lakshman – Sri Venkateswara Enterprises, Dwarakapuram, Disukhnagar and detected the stocks of Spurious Drugs received by Puvvada Lakshman through courier from Kashipur. Eight varieties of drugs worth Twenty Six lakhs found at the premises are seized by DCA.

On interrogation, Puvvada Lakshman revealed the names of his accomplices Pokala Ramesh and Garapalli Purnachander of Saidabad who are involved in the Spurious Drug racket and also revealed that he received spurious drugs from Nadeem of Uttarakhand.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana alerted Drugs Control Authorities of Uttarakhand State regarding shipment of Spurious Drugs from Uttarakhand.

The special team also carried out raids at residences of Puvvada Lakshman, Pokala Ramesh and Garapalli Purnachander.

Spurious/ Counterfeit drugs detected and seized by DCA officials include fake medicines which are falsely labeled under the names of reputed companies like Sun Pharma (Rosuvas 10 Tablets - used in the treatment of High cholesterol), Glenmark Pharma (Telma H Tablets, Telma 40 Tablets– used in the treatment of Hypertension), Aristo Pharmaceuticals (Monocef-O 200 Tablets – Antibiotic), Torrent Pharma (Chymoral Forte – used to relieve pain and swelling).

DCA Officials also found two varieties of antibiotics MPOD-200 Tablets (Cefpodoxime Proxetil and Lactic Acid Bacillus Tablets) and MEXCLAV 625 Tablets (Amoxicillin and Potassium Clavulanate, Lactic Acid Bacillus Tablets) during the raid which are labeled as manufactured by 'Meg Lifesciences,

Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh' which is found to be a fictitious/non-existent company.

Sri. J. Kiran, Drugs Inspector, Hanamkonda gathered intelligence regarding the movement of spurious drugs.

Smt. Anjum Abida, Assistant Director and Drugs Inspectors Sri B. Lakshmi Narayana, Sri V. Ravikumar, Sri G. Anil, Sri A.N. Kranthi Kumar, Sri L. Raju and Sri. J. Nagaraju are among the officers who carried out the raids.

Spurious / Counterfeit drug are imitation products manufactured by anti-social elements concealing the true identity of the product and made to resemble another drug of a reputed company, especially some popular brand, to deceive the buyer and cash on the popularity of original product. The product may not contain the active ingredients.

Spurious drugs are a major threat to public health. Spurious drugs place the patient's health at grave risk. Spurious drugs not only fail to cure the disease but over time, create disastrous consequences for the patient.

DCA officers seized the spurious drugs 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.

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