

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced anti-fungal drug 'Itralix 100' Itraconazole capsules 100 mg at Khammam – MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.

B) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs worth Rs. 65,000/- stocked for sale at Patheshapur Village, Raghunathpally Mandal, Jangaon District.

C) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized a 'drug' by name 'Piletreat Cream', (Calcium Dobesilate, Lignocaine Hydrochloride, Hydrocortisone Acetate & Zinc Cream) at Kodad, Suryapet District, for making a claim on the label that it treats 'Piles', which is a prohibited claim for 'Drugs' as per Drugs Rules.

A) Seizure of overpriced anti-fungal drug 'Itralix 100' Itraconazole capsules 100 mg at Khammam:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'Itralix 100' Itraconazole capsules 100 mg on 02nd February, 2024 at Khammam.

The product Itraconazole capsules 100 mg sold under brand name 'Itralix 100' is under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the

price of product shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

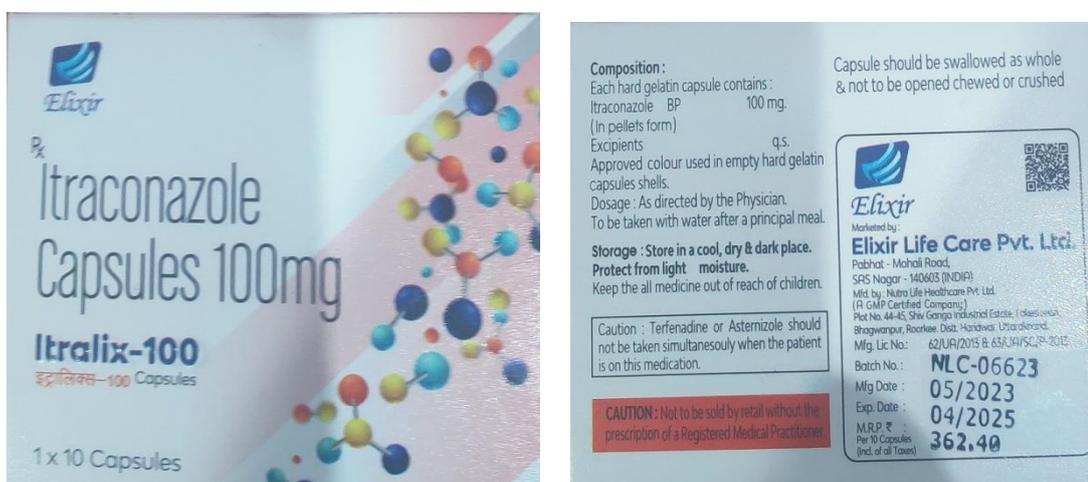
The product 'Itralix 100' Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg of B.No : NLC-06623, Mfg Dt: 05/2023 Exp Dt: 04/2025, Manufactured by: Nutra life Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.: 44-45, Shiv Ganga Industrial Estate, Lokeshwari, Bhagalpur, Roorkee Dist., Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Marketed by: Elixir Lifecare Pvt Ltd., Pabhat-Mohali road, SAS Nagar -140693, Punjab **bears MRP as Rs. 362.40 for 10 capsules i.e. Rs. 36.24 for 1 capsule on the label of the product,** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government for the product "Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg" is **Rs 16.67 for 1 capsule (Ceiling Price).**

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than Rs. 18.67 for 1 capsule (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

The firm overpriced the product. Each vial has been charged **excess of Rs. 17.57 per capsule** i.e. 94.01 % excess MRP, which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.**

Photographs of the Product Seized for Price Violation



Worth of the stock seized during the raid is Rs. 6,885/-.

Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Khammam and Sri. Ch. Anil Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Khammam (Urban) are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

The prices of Essential Medicines shall be in accordance with the Ceiling Prices fixed by the Central Government. Overpricing of essential medicines is a violation under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.

B) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic at Patheshapur Village, Raghunathpally Mandal, Jangaon District:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, on credible information, raided premises of a quack Kandagatla Venkateshwarlu, who is running a clinic at Patheshapur Village, Raghunathpally Mandal, Jangaon District., claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale.

DCA officials seized 62 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, IV fluids, anti ulcer drugs, antihypertensives, antidiabetics, analgesics etc. of total worth **Rs. 65,000/-** during the raid.

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 02nd February, 2024 raided premises of a quack Kandagatla Venkateshwarlu, at Door No. 6-38/2/C, Patheshapur Village, Raghunathpally Mandal, Jangaon District, who is claiming himself as a 'Rural Medical Practitioner' and practising medicine without qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected huge stocks of medicines found stocked at the premises without any drug licence. 62 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, IV fluids, anti ulcer drugs, antihypertensives, antidiabetics, analgesics etc. are found stocked at the premises. DCA officials seized the stock of total worth Rs. 65,000/- during the raid.

DCA officials detected several higher generation 'antibiotics' at the clinic during the raid. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by an unqualified person may have disastrous consequences on the health of public in rural areas, including emergence of 'Antimicrobial Resistance'.

Sri. C. Rajavardhana Chary, Deputy Director, Warangal, Dr. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal, Sri. A. Balakrishna, Drugs Inspector, Jangaon and Sri. M. Aravind Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Warangal are among the officers who carried out the raid.

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

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such unqualified persons, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug licence, are also punishable under Drugs and Cosmetics Act and stringent action shall be taken against such

Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug licence before supplying medicines to them.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana issues drug licences for stocking and selling of medicines as per the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking of drugs for sale without a drug licence is punishable under Drugs and Cosmetics Act with an imprisonment up to five years.**

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana has been constantly on the vigil and alert to detect unlicensed stocking and sale of medicines by quacks.

Surprise checks are intensified on such unqualified persons who are carrying out stocking and sale of drugs without any drug licence. Stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.

C) Seizure of 'Piletreat Cream' at Kodad, Suryapet District for making a prohibited claim:

Drugs Control Administration officials of Suryapet detected a 'drug' which is moving in the market under brand name "Piletreat Cream" (Calcium Dobesilate, Lignocaine Hydrochloride, Hydrocortisone Acetate & Zinc Cream) with a prohibited claim on its label indicating that it treats 'Piles'.

The details are as follows:

On 02nd February, 2024, DCA officials detected the drug Calcium Dobesilate, Lignocaine Hydrochloride, Hydrocortisone Acetate & Zinc Cream at Mahitha Medicals, Kodad which indicates on the label as '**Piletreat** Cream'. Further the label indicates a design depicting the said disease on both label and the tube.

The product “Piletreat Cream” (Calcium Dobesilate, Lignocaine Hydrochloride, Hydrocortisone Acetate & Zinc Cream) is a ‘drug’ and the claim regarding treating the disease ‘Piles’ is a prohibited claim for a ‘drug’ as per ‘Schedule J’ of Drugs Rules.

The said drug with a prohibited claim was manufactured by Curetech Skincare, Plot No. 32, 33 & 34, Phase IV, Bhatoli Kalan, Baddi, Dist. Solan 173205, Himachal Pradesh and Marketed by: Smartway Wellness Pvt. Ltd. Gujarat. DCA officials seized stocks worth **Rs. 1,610/-** during the raid.

Sri. K. Dass, Assistant Director, Nalgonda, Sri. G. Surender, Drugs Inspector, Suryapet, Sri. K. Someshwar, Drugs Inspector, Miryalguda, Sri. J. Ashwin Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri carried out the raid.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

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**A) Photographs - Seizure of overpriced anti-fungal drug 'Itralix 100'
Itraconazole capsules 100 mg at Khammam**



**B) Photographs - Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic at Patheshapur
Village, Raghunathpally Mandal, Jangaon District**





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