



Press Note

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A) Drug Control Administration, Telangana, busted the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs, including Tramadol injections, Tramadol tablets, and Alprazolam tablets.

Upender Maloth, who operates a medical shop named **Sri Laxmi Ganapathi Medical and General Stores** in Maripeda Village, Mahabubabad District, was found selling habit-forming medicines illegally to drug addicts. Records pertaining to habit-forming drugs were seized.

B) In a separate event, Drug Control Administration detected tampering of drug labels of institutional supply stocks at Sri Laxmi Srinivasa Medical and General Stores, Palvancha, Bhadravati-Kothagudem District, and seized the stocks.

A) Busting of Illegal Sale of Habit-Forming Drugs at Maripeda, Mahabubabad District

The details are as follows:

On 6th February, acting on intelligence gathered regarding the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs, the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, carried out a raid at **Sri Laxmi Ganapathi Medical and General Stores** in Maripeda Village, Mahabubabad District.

During the raid, officers detected that Upender Maloth, who runs the said medical shop, was selling habit-forming drugs illegally to drug addicts and was further not adhering to the Drugs Rules, including the sale of such drugs without a prescription from a Registered Medical Practitioner; non-maintenance of, and failure to produce, sales bills; failure to maintain prescription drug registers and Schedule H1 drug registers; and other violations of the Drugs Rules. Records were seized during the raid.

Photograph



Smt. S. Umarani, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubabad, carried out the raid under the supervision of Sri M. Aravind Kumar, Assistant Director, Khammam, in coordination with officers of the Police Department.

The abuse of habit-forming drugs such as Tramadol and Alprazolam can lead to severe physical and psychological consequences. These drugs are often misused for their sedative effects, leading to addiction and

dependence. Continued misuse or overdose can result in respiratory depression, seizures, coma, and even death.

The illegal sale of habit-forming drugs by a medical shop is a grave offence and is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act with imprisonment of up to two years.

B) Seizure of Label-Tampered Institutional Supply Drugs at Palvancha

The details are as follows:

DCA officials, during an inspection conducted at **Sri Laxmi Srinivasa Medical and General Stores**, Shop No. 25, Bus Stand Complex, Palvancha (V & M), Bhadradi Kothagudem District, detected a suspicious label on Thyronorm 100 mcg Tablets, Batch No. TMH25002, Manufacturing Date: January 2025, Expiry Date: December 2026, manufactured by Abbott India Ltd., Village Bhatauli Khurd, P.O. Baddi, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

Samples of the said batch were verified with the manufacturer, who confirmed tampering of the declaration “For Institutional Supply Only” on the label.

Consequently, the DCA seized the stocks from the medical shop on 6th February for stocking institutional supply drugs and for tampering with drug labels, in violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.

Photographs- Tampering of Product Label by the Medical Shop



G. Aswani, Drugs Inspector, Bhadrabri-Kothagudem, carried out the raid.

The stocking of institutional supply drugs by a medical shop and the tampering of drug labels are offences punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act with imprisonment of up to two years.

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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