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Spurious drugs worth Rs 7.3 cr seized in UP from trader who supplied medicines to Odisha



BHUBANESWAR: With Odisha's inputs, a special task force (STF) of Uttar Pradesh has seized spurious medicines worth Rs 7.3 crore from one Ashok Kumar of Bulandshahr and arrested him on Wednesday, the state health authorities said here on Thursday. The trader's supply of fake medicines was earlier detected in Jharsuguda and Bargarh in Odisha. The state health department had given inputs to UP while a team from Odisha had visited there. According to official sources, UP STF raided a house under Sigra police station in Varanasi and arrested Ashok Kumar, a resident of Bulandshahr in UP.

Based on his confession, another godown under Lahartara police station was also raided. STF seized a huge quantity of spurious drugs amounting to around Rs 7.3 crore from the godown. Cash amounting to Rs 4 lakh was also recovered from the spot. "All spurious drug items seized from Bargarh and Jharsuguda districts by Odisha STF were seized from the house of Ashok Kumar. The raids exhumed what is said to be one of the biggest spurious drug rackets in the near past," said an official statement issued by the state government on Thursday.

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