

Counterfeit drugs of major brands seized



Hyderabad: Fake medicines of reputed companies were seized by the Drug Control Administration (DCA) officials which busted an interstate racket on Friday. The spurious drugs worth Rs 26 lakh were seized from three men in the city who had sourced it from Uttarakhand. The accused were supplying fake medicines such as antibiotics, hypertension and cholesterol drugs, and analgesics. A case was booked under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act against the three men who were served notice to appear for questioning.

DCA does not have the power to arrest. Acting on an intelligence input about shipping of spurious drugs from Kashipur in Uttarakhand to Hyderabad, a special team of DCA raided a courier agency's offices in Dilsukhnagar and Uppal. The DCA teams found two parcels weighing 14.5 kg and 13.3 kg respectively, labelled 'Machine Parts'. The parcels were booked by Amar Pharmaceuticals, Ramnagar Road, Kashipur, and meant to be delivered to Puvvada Lakshman of Hyderabad.

DCA officials with the assistance of Task force officials found Lakshman. A search at his godown at 'Sri Venkateswara Enterprises' in Disukhnagar revealed stocks of spurious medicines received through courier from Kashipur. Eight varieties of drugs worth Rs 26 lakh were seized. While some spurious drugs were of reputed brands, a few had the name of a non-existent company. Lakshman later revealed the names of his accomplices Pokala Ramesh and Garapalli Purnachander of Saidabad. He also told DCA officials that the fake drugs were supplied by Nadeem from Uttarakhand.

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