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13 drugs made in state declared sub-standard

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As many as 13 drugs manufactured by various drug units in the state have been declared sub-standard in the National Drug Regulatory Authority's latest alert issued yesterday.

The various batches of

these drugs which have failed to conform to norms will be withdrawn immediately from the market following this alert.

Of the total of 32 drugs listed in the alert, 13 have been manufactured in various units of Baddi and Paonta Sahib.

Several batches of a single drug, Festive-OZ suspensions, Para-500 tablets and Ofloxacin and Ornidazole suspension manufactured by a Paonta Sahib-based unit have been declared sub-standard by the Drug Control Department (DCD) of Assam. These drugs were tested at the Regional Drug Testing Laboratory, Guwahati. A section of manufacturers

contended that since they had got the drugs manufactured from a third party and only marketed them, they should not be held liable for such errors.

It was found that if a third party made a drug, the manufacturer's name did not figure in the drug alert while the company

which had marketed the drug was listed.

Ronoflox-400 tablets, manufactured by a Baddi-based unit, too have been declared sub-standard owing to issues pertaining to uniformity of weight. Angizaar-50 tablets, Ranitidine Hydrochloride tablets and Levori tablets were declared sub-standard.

The list includes

- Batches of Festive-OZ suspensions
- Para-500 tablets
- Ofloxacin and Ornidazole suspension
- Ronoflox-400 tablets
- Angizaar-50 tablets
- Ranitidine Hydrochloride tablets
- Levori tablets

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