

APPREHENSION OF ONE PERSON WHO IS SELLING DISPOSABLE FACE MASKS ON HIGHER RATES - SEIZED (10,000) PIECES OF FACE MASKS

On 21-03-2020, the sleuths of Commissioner's Task Force, West Zone team, Hyderabad, apprehended (1) accused by name Ganesh Ohatker who indulged in selling of disposable face mask/pollution masks on higher rates and earning money illegally. **Seized (10,000) pieces of disposable face masks/pollution masks and (1) Cell phone** from his possession.

Details of the Accused:-

1. Ganesh Ohatker S/o Late Ramchander Ohatker, aged 46 yrs, Occ: Masks Business, R/o H.No.13-3-447, Imampura, Jiyaguda, Hyderabad.

Brief History of Accused persons:-

The accused Ganesh Ohatker is native of Hyderabad. I studied upto 9th class. After completion of my studies he started doing the business of manufacturing and selling of cup nose masks.

Modus operandi:-

The accused Ganesh Ohatker along with his brother is doing business of manufacturing and selling of cup nose masks since twenty years. They used to manufacture the cup nose mask for Rs.1.15ps and used to supply the same for Rs.1.80ps to Rs.2/-. In this process, about seven months back when he went to Bachupally area on his business purpose, he found pieces of disposable face masks (type 2ply: Ear loop/tie) (Blue colour) which are quality less in white colour plastic bags and are in incomplete shape. Immediately he took the same and kept in his residence. He planned to stitch the masks in complete shape and supply the same to the needy customers on higher rates without any prior permission from the concerned authorities.

But from past few days disposable face masks/pollution masks demand is increasing in the area day by day due to effect of Corona virus. As such he hatched a plan to sell the disposable face masks on higher rates to earn easy money. He prepared the disposable face masks in complete shape in his residence and sold some masks for Rs.20/- each. He knows the Government has issued a notification that not to sell the mask more than Rs.8/- per piece but he is selling the disposable face mask/pollution mask for Rs.20/- per one piece knowingly.

On 21-03-2020 the accused prepared disposable face masks at his residence and ready to sell the same, in the meantime, West Zone Task Force team apprehended the accused along disposable face masks/pollution masks.

The accused along with the seized material was handed over to SHO, Kulsumpura PS vide **Cr.No.54/2020 U/s 420 IPC & Sec 3 sub section (ii) of Essential Commodities Act-1955**, Hyderabad for further investigation.

The arrest was made under the supervision of **Sri P.Radha Kishan Rao**, Dy.Commissioner of Police, Commissioner's Task Force by **Sri B.Gattu Mallu**, Inspector of Police, West Zone Task Force Team with the assistance of SI's Sri Md.Mujaffar Ali, Sri P.Mallikarjun, Sri N.Ranjith Kumar and the staff of West Zone team, Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad City.

***Dy.Commissioner of Police,
Commissioner's Task Force,
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