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The Directorate of Drugs Control has launched various prosecutions against manufacturers, retailers and dealers for the violations of provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945, Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act 1954 and Drugs Price Control Order 1995 throughout the State. During the year 2008-2009 a total No. of 223 cases have ended in conviction in various courts of law of the State and all the accused have been convicted with imprisonment till the the fine raising of court and а total Rs. 65,18,800/- (Rupees Sixty five lakhs eighteen thousand and eight hundred only) has been imposed in these convictions.

In these cases <u>28 Manufacturers</u> have been convicted for having manufactured for sale and sold Not of Standard Quality / Spurious / Adulterated/Misbranded drugs, <u>18 Unlicenced Dealers</u> have been convicted for having stocked for sale and sold drugs and <u>177 Dealers</u> have been convicted for the violations of provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 and Rules 1945.

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