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HYDERABAD: Amid reports from various states about multiple [Sputnik V](#) suppliers responding to global [vaccine](#) tenders, Dr Reddy's Labs said legal action has been initiated against unscrupulous elements committing fraud in the name of Sputnik V vaccine in India.

In a joint statement issued on Friday, Dr Reddy's and [Russian Direct Investment Fund \(RDIF\)](#) said: "In the last few days, there have been several unsubstantiated reports and claims from various quarters in India on alleged tie-ups for the Sputnik V vaccine. Beware of unauthorised individuals offering fake deals or promising procurement of the vaccine posing as its representatives in India."

Pointing out that Dr Reddy's is the sole custodian of the Russian vaccine in India, they said the Hyderabad-based pharma company has not entered into any partnership or collaboration with any other party for supplying the vaccine.

They also said Dr Reddy's has not authorised any third party or intermediary to supply Sputnik V on its behalf in India and urged people to alert the authorities immediately if approached by such unscrupulous elements.

"The company takes no responsibility for the consequences of unauthorised deals, fraudulent financial transactions or sub-standard products resulting from such fraud," Dr Reddy's said.

Pointing out that Dr Reddy's has the sole distribution rights of the first 250 million doses (first and second dose components included) of the vaccine in India, they said Dr Reddy's continues to engage in direct talks with the government and the private sector to explore partnerships ahead of the

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commercial launch of the vaccine in mid-June.

“Dr Reddy’s has put in place cold storage logistics as well as track-and-trace arrangements for the vaccine. These arrangements are absolutely imperative to ensure the safety and quality of the vaccine and for pharmacovigilance,” the partners said.



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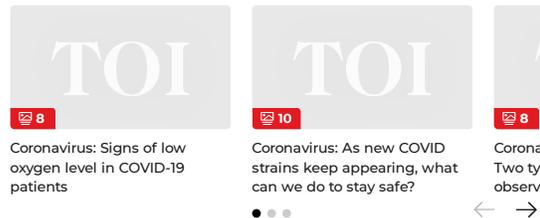
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Hope the fake sellers are more in India. There should be stricter actions for these fake sellers or hoarders. We need a strong law for these types of criminals who loot public.



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