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Portable oxygen cans hit pharmacies in polluted Hyderabad By P Pavan, Bangalore Mirror Bureau | Nov 19, 2018, 08.52 PM IST Portable oxygen cans hit pharmacies in polluted Hyderabad The portable oxygen cans

Hyderabad: After capturing the market in the very polluted National Capital Region, portable use and throw oxygen cans have now hit the Hyderabad market. OXY99 cans, weighing about 120 grams, have hit over 100 medical stores in the city. Priced at Rs 650, these cans are sold as an over-the-counter product without any prescription. These cans have a capacity of 150 inhalations and just three inhalations can improve blood oxygen rate to 99, according to Kalisetti Naidu, Chairman and Managing Director, Bluewater Alkaline Solutions.

The company sells 1.5 lakh cans in National Capital Region every month. The oxygen plant is in Delhi. Two years is the shelf life of a can. The company also manufactures 75 litres to 1,700 litres lightweight easy-to-carry oxygen cylinders. The product, Naidu said, is certified by Indian pharmacopoeia and helps patients with complaints of asthma, breathlessness, tiredness, fatigue, headache and migraine, mental and physical stress and wheezing and coughing. In absence of portable cans, those requiring oxygen support were going to hospitals, he said.

Naidu said a survey conducted by his company revealed that respiratory complaints had seen 39 percent increase in Hyderabad. Highly polluted areas like Kukatpally, Jeedimetla, Dilsukhnagar and Kothapet have Trimulgherry have been recording more sales, he said. The company expects to make the cans available in 200 stores across Telangana by the end of December.