

Customs dept plans legal action against 25 smugglers 'let-off'

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Lucknow: A day after it surfaced that 25 suspected smugglers from a Bangkok flight had been 'let off' from Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport on April 1, the customs department on Tuesday said it will take legal action them.



Sources said customs is checking records of these 25 suspects, including 16 natives of Chennai, who landed with banned cigarettes worth Rs 1.3 crore. "The group passed through the security clearance and left the airport without raising any suspicion but we have details of their

passports and action will be initiated against them," a source said.

Sources added that the senior officers of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) have been apprised about the 'let off'. Same day, another group of 30 suspected smugglers, who were detained for questioning, had escaped from the airport and are still on the run.

Meanwhile, customs department has acted against the assistant commissioner of the airport who has now been attached to the headquarters in Lucknow and a probe is being conducted on his discharge of duty.

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