

# Smuggled cigarettes worth Rs 66 lakh seized, four arrested as racket busted

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FOUR PEOPLE were arrested last week as the Delhi police busted an alleged interstate smuggling syndicate involved in the trade of prohibited international brand cigarettes, an officer said Sunday.

A total of 6.5 lakh cigarettes worth around Rs 66 lakh were seized from the accused identified as Anas (32), Saqib (32), Sameer Ur Rehman (23), and Sagar Haswani (45), who were operating between Guwahati and Delhi, said DCP (Crime Branch) Sanjay Kumar Sain.

The seizures and arrests followed a tip-off the police received

on December 12 after which the Crime Branch raided two locations in the Farash Khana of Central Delhi's Lahori Gate area. They seized 4.70 lakh Esse Lights and 80,000 DJARUM Black cigarettes from a godown jointly run by Saqib and Anas, while around a lakh Gudang Garam cigarettes were recovered from Sameer's cloth shop on the ground floor of a building in Gali Samose Waali, police said.

The three were arrested. "During questioning, they revealed that Haswani procured the cigarettes from Guwahati (Assam) at a lower cost and transported them to Delhi," DCP Sain said, adding that he was arrested from Rohini on December 13. **ENS**