

Customs sleuths seize 70,000 Chinese cigarettes worth Rs 10 lakh in Lucknow

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Lucknow Customs officials with the seized cigarettes (Photo Credit: CBIC)

Lucknow Customs officials seized a consignment of cigarettes from China on Thursday.

According to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), sleuths discovered Chinese-origin 'WIN' cigarettes outside Lucknow Railway Station. They were seized since the goods were found in violation of provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Customs Act, 1962.

Officials told India Today that around 70,000 sticks of the 'Made In China' cigarettes have been seized. This seizure is valued at over Rs 10 lakh in the market.

India Today also learnt that Customs is gathering evidence against suspects who were supposed to receive the consignment. Officials are also tracing the origin of the consignment and the route it took to reach India from China.

The Government of India recently banned at-least 59 mobile applications of China. Such developments are coming to light in the wake of a violent face-off between Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh's Galwan Valley on the night of June 15 where both sides suffered casualties.

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