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Transportation of foreign cigarettes through Assam on the rise

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GUWAHATI: The smuggling of foreign cigarettes to the rest of India via Assam is rising fast. Customs sleuths seized foreign cigarettes worth over Rs 11 crore in the past six months in Assam.



According to sources in the Customs department, consignments of foreign cigarettes that enter the northeastern states via Myanmar have brands from the UK, China, Korea, Myanmar etc. And all these cigarette brands enter Assam from Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland and go to the other states of India. According to sources, smugglers take advantage of the military junta in power in Myanmar and people of the same communities living on either side of the international border.

Customs sleuths seized foreign cigarettes worth Rs 1.32 crore from Panbazar in Guwahati in June this year, worth over Rs 40.80 lakh at Tezpur on July 9 this year, Rs 27.82 lakh on August 4 at Tezpur this year, Rs 70.60 lakh on August 10 at Guwahati this year, Rs 40 lakh on September 16 this year from Guwahati, Rs 1.32 crore from Guwahati on September 19 this year, Rs 2.29 crore on September 21 this year in Guwahati, Rs 34 lakh on September 26 this year from Tezpur, Rs 18 lakh on October 27 this year from Tezpur, Rs 98.68 lakh on November 8 this year from Guwahati, Rs 45 lakh on November 18 this year from Karimganj, Rs 77 lakh on December 1 this year from Saraighat in Guwahati and Rs 2 crore on December 2 this year at Changsari.

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