

Delhi govt seizes illegally imported cigarettes worth Rs 65 lakh; CM warns of strict action

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The consignment was caught during one of the night raids conducted by a team of officers from the Anti-Evasion Branch of the Department of Trade and Taxes.

Over 4 lakh units of imported South Korean cigarettes, often traded and smuggled in the Indian market, were being transported in the vehicle, violating the legal requirements applicable to tobacco products sold or distributed in India.



Officials said that the front of the cigarette packets did not display the prescribed pictorial health warning. The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, mandates that every package of cigarettes or tobacco products must display specified health warnings and a graphic label for sale and distribution in India.

The law applies to both domestic and imported tobacco products.

Speaking on the seizure of illegally imported cigarettes, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said, "The Delhi government will continue to take strict action against tax evasion, the clandestine movement of goods and the illegal trade in tobacco products."

She added that the action was taken under the provisions of the GST Act, 2017.

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