

Foreign cigarettes worth Rs 2 cr seized at Dabolim airport; 5 cargo staffers held

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VASCO: In a major haul, the directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI) sleuths has arrested five persons and seized a consignment of foreign cigarettes worth around Rs 2 crore which was transported by an Air Arabia flight.

The highly placed sources have disclosed that the DRI sleuths raided the Conquer cargo section at air cargo complex at Dabolim airport on Wednesday, following a tip-off about smuggling of foreign cigarettes worth Rs 2 crore. During the seizure operation, the DRI sleuths picked up about five persons including a supervisor who were attached to the handling and delivery section of the air cargo complex.

It was not known from where the cargo was imported and to whom it was supposed to be delivered.

The DRI sleuths suspect that more people are involved in smuggling activities of foreign cargo. The arrested five staffers are attached to the Conquer cargo section and were later taken to the DRI Goa headquarters at Panaji wherein they were interrogated on Wednesday.

It is learnt that three persons out of the five arrested have been released by DRI, following a thorough interrogation.

It is also learnt that there could be more people involved in smuggling of various consignments from the air cargo complex, due to which the DRI sleuths are investigating the case from all possible angles.

There are also chances of an international racket operating in transporting and handling various types of foreign cargo including gold, cigarettes, foreign currencies etc.

The DRI sleuths have also raided various places in Goa on Wednesday, but it was not revealed whether any person was arrested and any goods were seized.

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