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Gutka comes to Kerala via railway parcels

Consignments escape scrutiny at times

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Parcels sent using fake identities has become a headache for Railways, with many smugglers using this method to transport contraband substances. Gutka and pan masala, which are banned in the State, are sent thus.

During this Onam season, large amounts of pan masala were seized in many railway stations across the State in surprise raids.

In Kozhikode railway station, around 100 kilos of gutka, packed in three sacks, were found by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) squad.

The parcels which came by Chennai Mail had just the names Das and Ali marked on the sacks.

There was no address or details, through which the police could trace the sender or the addressee.

“Since gutka is not banned in Tamil Nadu, it is hard to take action against the sender. Parcelled items are not thoroughly checked always. We found this haul in a surprise raid, and that too because of the smell emanating from the packets,” says T. Vinod, Assistant Sub Inspector of RPF in Kozhikode.

Last month, gutka worth Rs.1 lakh were seized in Kottayam railway station. In Shoranur station, the haul came to around Rs.50,000.

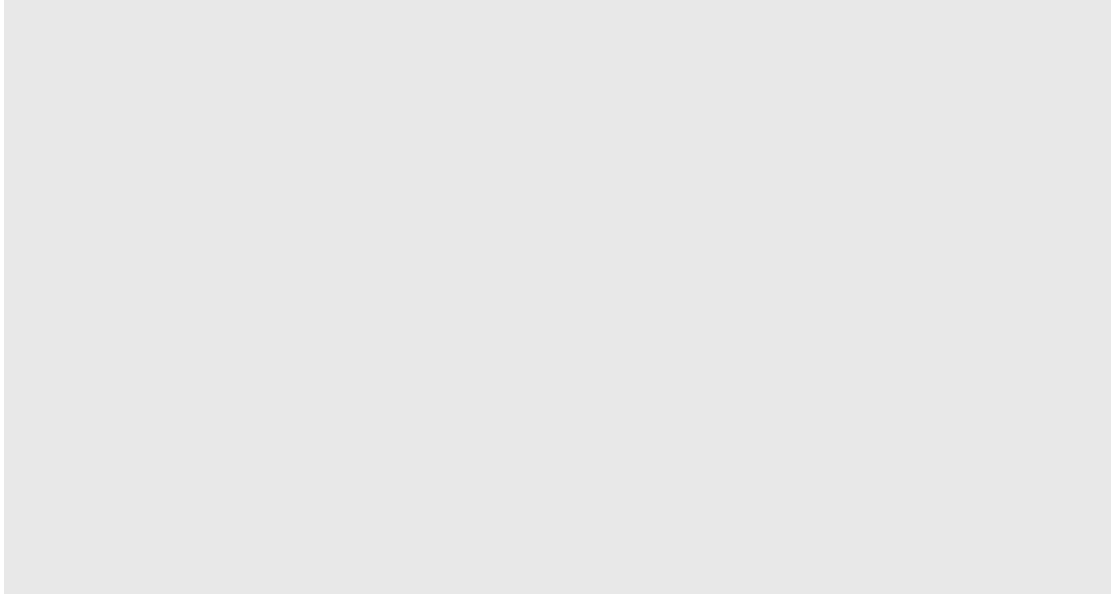
“Packages with bogus addresses have always been a bane. Rule stipulates that the package must have the addresses of both the sender and addressee. But it is rarely followed. It is hard to verify the addresses, even if they are provided. The addressees usually do not claim the packages if they notice that raids are happening,” says R. Ramesh, Divisional Security Commissioner of RPF Palakkad division.

He says that at times goods are smuggled through general coaches too, without booking them as parcel. It is even harder to


trace such cases.

Gutkha and pan masala were banned in Kerala in May this year under the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Regulation, 2011, treating them and their variants as food products.

However, their easy availability in neighbouring States has reduced the effect of the ban, with many shops secretly selling them.



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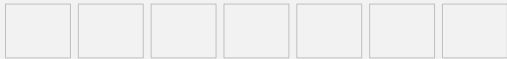
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