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Car from Odisha caught in Kolkata with 60 kg ganja

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BHUBANESWAR: Customs (prevention) officials in Kolkata have contacted the state transport department regarding a car Galiff Street, bearing an Odisha registration number, which that was intercepted in the Bengal capital on Tuesday while transporting ganja. The car had a Government of India plate and a red beacon.

Customs officials intercepted the car on Galiff Street near Bagbazar Canal in Kolkata and seized nearly 60 kg ganja worth around Rs 6,14,000. The driver fled after he realized that a customs vehicle was chasing him, a source said,

"We are trying to find out the details of the car and its owner. The ganja had been brought from the Malkangiri area. The driver was scheduled to make a delivery in Bongaon. Fragrant insect repellents were sprayed on the ganja packets to suppress the smell of the intoxicant," a customs officer said.

A source said customs officials had received intelligence inputs about the transport of ganja from Odisha to West Bengal. "When we saw the vehicle, the red beacon raised our suspicions," the officer said.

The officials suspect that the breakthrough would give them further leads. Recently, officials of the directorate of revenue intelligence seized nearly 1,200 kg of ganja from Khandagiri square in Bhubaneswar. Customs officials are probing whether the latest packages were linked to the same racket.