

## DRI seizes drugs worth 65 lakh from Manipur

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**Suspected brown sugar found in plastic containers from a carton kept in the boot space of the vehicle. (DRI Photo)**

**Imphal, October 16 (MExN):** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized contraband drugs suspected to be brown sugar, weighing 650 grams and worth over Rs 65 lakh in Manipur on October 13, informed an official statement issued today.

Acting in inputs, DRI officials in coordination of the Assam Rifles intercepted a vehicle travelling from Moreh to Imphal and the drugs were found in 50 polythene packets from a carton kept in its the boot-space, the statement said.

After complying with all the procedures as laid down relevant act, the contraband along with the detained vehicle used for transporting the said goods were seized under the NDPS Act 1985, it added.

The two occupants identified as M Johny Kom of Churachandpur District and Jang Khomang Haokip of Moreh, the driver and the owner of the vehicle respectively were arrested on October 14 as they could not “produce any licit documents in support of the legal possession/transportation/import of the seized brown colored powder, suspected to be brown sugar on October 14,” the statement further said.

The accused were produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chandel, who remanded them to Judicial Custody and further investigation is in progress, it added.

Meanwhile, the DRI further informed that it is “committed to combating cross border crime in all its variations and forms,” and sought support to “fight against Cross Border crime, smuggling and trade based money laundering by giving information to DRI.”

The names of informer are not only kept confidential and there is an excellent reward scheme which is Income Tax free, it added.