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Press Release

**Subject: DRI busted drug racket operating through foreign post office,
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The officers of Directorate of Revenue intelligence have seized huge quantity of prohibited controlled drugs like Alprazolam, Amphetamine, Diazepam, Lorazepam, Nitrazepam, Zolpidem, Oxycodone, Tramadol etc. from the export section of Foreign Post Office(FPO) New Delhi last week. Drugs were mostly in the Tablets/capsule form, packed in small parcel packets, mis-declared as herbal/health products.


The detailed examination of each parcels was conducted round the clock from 2nd May to 5th May last week. The goods were at the various stages of clearances and destined to numerous overseas buyers located in USA, UK, CANADA, AUSTRALIA like countries.

Foreign Post Office is very prone to smuggling of prohibited /restricted goods due to less documentation, improper declarations and speedy clearance. Shipments through FPO has been under close watch of DRI in recent times and DRI has seized similar export consignments of psychotropic substances in November 2016 wherein total seizure was of more than 17 lakhs tablet and 11 persons were arrested in multi-location operation at Delhi, Mumbai, Ludhiana and Chandigarh.

DRI has also been successful in unearthing smuggling network in the import section of the foreign post office, Delhi and seized steroid worth of ₹15 crores and 32 Kg Gold concealed in readymade garments in August 2017.

During the current operation, more than 3.5 lakhs Tablet have been seized, which are prohibited under the NDPS Act and involved violations of foreign trade policy and the Customs Act 1962. The banned drugs are having street value of more than ₹10 crores at the destination.

Further investigation is in progress.


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