

# DRI seizes ganja worth Rs 90 lakh in Muzaffarpur, three held

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PATNA: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized ganja worth around Rs 10 crore in international market loaded inside a container truck from Ram Dayalu in Muzaffarpur on wee hours of Monday.

The contraband was concealed inside an especially created box above the driver's cabin.

DRI sources said that three persons indentified as Pargat Singh, Bikkar Singh and Buddha Singh were arrested in connection with the drug smuggling case.

They said the trio were native of Sangrur in Punjab and Pargat was owner cum driver of the truck while Bikkar was co-driver and Buddha was

cleaner.

“The consignment weighing around 840 kilograms was loaded at Agartala in Tripura and was smuggled into Bihar through Purnia and Darbhanga,” sources said.

DRI sources said that the consignment was actually to be unloaded at Bidupur in Vaishali.

“The driver was instructed to reach at Industrial area in Vaishali from where they were to be further directed at the final dumping point of the consignment,” sources said. They said that value of seized ganja in domestic market is around Rs 90 lakh.

“The consignment was to be further distributed in small parts to other parts of state. The supply here has dried up in last one month as drug smugglers had exhausted their product from last crop season of ganja. The smuggling and seizure simultaneously will go up soon with new crop of the contraband ready for supply from north eastern states and Andhra Pradesh,” sources said.

Earlier on July 23 this year, DRI along with assistance from Special Task Force (STF) of state police had seized 488 kilograms of ganja at Mokama in Patna. On May 31 this year, DRI sleuths had seized 1.3 tonne of ganja at Harda in Purnia district.