

Foreign cigarettes worth ₹39L seized by customs

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Visakhapatnam: The officers of customs commissionerate (preventive), Vizag seized 3.89 lakh Paris brand and Midland Black cigarettes worth approximately 38.9 lakh at Vizag railway station.

Based on intelligence inputs, two teams of customs commissionerate rushed to Vizag railway station.

En route to the railway station, a team of officers intercepted two autorickshaws and recovered 1.2 lakh sticks of Paris brand on Friday. The investigation revealed that a person hired the autorickshaws and loaded the cigarettes into the vehicles. The drivers confessed that they were waiting near the railway station as the person who hired the vehicles said he is having some more parcels and asked them to wait. But he didn't return.

Another team of officers seized seven boxes offloaded from Amaravati express train and two boxes near railway parcel office in city, and recovered 2.60 lakh sticks of Paris and Midland Black cigarettes on Friday. Nobody has claimed the consignment.

According to additional commissioner of customs, M Sreekanth, the seized cigarettes seem to have come from Myanmar.