

# Fake driving licence racket busted at RTO

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SURAT: Authorities at the Regional Transport Office (RTO) ) have decided to verify all driving licences issued in the Diamond City in the past one year following an expose of fake driving licence racket allegedly involving some staff members and touts.

Official sources said around 47 people in the city were issued

driving licence on the basis of fake documents. Files containing the details of the fake driving licences were stolen by some unidentified persons from the record room of the licence branch two days ago.

BM Prajapati, regional transport officer, told TOI, "The files containing the details of fake documents have been stolen from the record room. All the 47 approved driving licences have been cancelled with immediate effect. I have ordered a thorough inquiry to verify all the data of the driving licences issued in the past one year."

According to Prajapati, the department has sought police intervention for investigating the fake driving licence scam. Police have recovered CCTV footage of the record room from where the files containing fake documents were stolen by an unidentified person.

An RTO officer said, "A tout identified as Raju is involved in the scandal. He used his contacts with the licensing authorities and was successful in issuing driving licences to 47 people on the basis of fake documents. This is a very serious issue and the police should carry out a thorough investigation."

Sources said around 300 smart card driving licences are issued by the transport office on a daily basis. Most of the approving authorities blindly trust the touts and agents and avoid verifying the documents.

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