

Bangladeshi sex worker, Puducherry couple held with fake currency

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PUDUCHERRY: The police are on the lookout for a Chennai-based youth who is suspected to be kingpin behind a counterfeit currency racket after fake currency worth Rs 36,000 was seized from a house at Puducherry.

A 23-year-old Bangladeshi sex worker and a couple from Puducherry were arrested for

possessing the money. The woman, who is illegally staying in the country, had told police that one Suresh from Chennai had given her the money.

The racket came to light after police received a complaint from a private bank that Rs 30,000 cash deposited by a man included counterfeit currencies of Rs 21,000 in the denominations of 1,000 and 500. A police team arrived at the bank and detained the depositor, who was identified as Iyyanar, 40, from Reddiarpalayam. On questioning him, police found that a Bangladeshi woman gave him the currencies and asked him to deposit it in the account of her friend based in Bangalore.

Police searched Iyyanar's house and seized more counterfeit currencies of Rs 15,000. Inquiries revealed that his wife Kalaivani, a sex worker, who was earlier booked by Reddiarpalayam police on charges of prostitution, was also involved in the crime. The couple had invited the Bangladeshi woman to Puducherry to indulge in flesh trade. They provided her accommodation at Mangalam in the outskirts of Puducherry a week ago where she was soliciting clients.

The Bangladeshi woman confessed to illegally migrating to India and indulging in prostitution before reaching Chennai recently. She claimed she received the currencies from a pimp, who she befriended during her stay in the city.

Police booked the three under IPC sections 489-B (using as genuine, forged or counterfeit currency-notes or bank-notes) and 489-C (possession of forged or counterfeit currency-notes or bank-note) and section 14 of foreigners' act.

Investigation will soon be extended to Chennai as it is suspected that the racket may be functioning centred around a prostitution network. Based on the confessions of the Bangladeshi woman, police suspect that counterfeit currencies are being channeled under the cover of prostitution.

The three were produced before a local court and remanded in judicial custody. Police hope to bust the counterfeit currency network after the arrest of Suresh.

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