

Expired pesticide stock seized in raid on secret godown in Punjab

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Following strict instructions by CM Amarinder Singh to clamp down on supply of spurious pesticides, Barnala police on Wednesday seized a stock of 5000 litre of expired pesticides from a secret godown in the name of Arjun Agro Chemicals.

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On Sunday, two shops — Rajesh Agro Chemicals and Arora Agro Chemicals — belonging to the two accused had been sealed in Barnala. The crackdown on these shops led to the godown. The entire stock at the godown was found to be expired and most of the stock had no bills. Even in Mansa “fake” pesticides stock was seized on Sunday. The action comes after farmers complaining of whitefly attack on cotton crop alleged that pesticides had been ineffective. In 2015 as well huge stock of expired pesticides was seized in the state after whitefly attack.

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