

DRI arrests two with counterfeit currency, unearths international Racket

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Acting on a tip-off, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized counterfeit currency of Rs 2,000 denomination from a man who was traveling from Old Delhi Railway Station to Malda, West Bengal.

The suspect passenger was caught by the DRI while he was boarding the train from Old Delhi Railway Station and after checking his bag, the officers recovered 211 notes of Rs 2,000 denomination which were valued to Rs 4,22,000 in total.

"During interrogation, the accused stated that he is a member of international racket and is working as a carrier for another handler. He has carried these fake Indian currency notes for delivery at places in Delhi and Haryana," said DRI.

DRI also arrested the handler from Patna railway station. Both the accused, Ram Prasad and Mataur Rehman, have been arrested by the agency. Mataur is a resident of Malda, West Bengal.

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Ram Prasad

was traveling from Old Delhi Railway Station to Malda, West Bengal. Photo: Munish Chandra Pandey



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"Primary investigation has revealed that the syndicate in Malda, West Bengal has been procuring these counterfeit notes from persons operating from village Mohammadpur, Bangladesh and supplying it in Delhi and adjoining areas on regular basis since introduction of new notes after demonetisation," added DRI.

Though the fake currency lacks many security features, it still has enough similarities with original notes to be circulated by fooling common public.

Ever since introduction of new currency after demonetisation, DRI has till date seized counterfeit notes in cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Patna, Guwahati and West Bengal and has recovered fake currency having value of more than Rs 50 lacs.

In all cases, the counterfeit has been produced in Bangladesh and through local handlers, supplied in India.

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