

# Spurious oil sold in Hindustan Petroleum bottles, 3 booked

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GHAZIABAD: Two wholesale dealers and a supplier were booked on Saturday for selling spurious engine oil under the company name of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). An HPCL official filed a complaint regarding the matter following which a raid was conducted on Friday night and cops seized 900 litres of spurious oil from the shops of two dealers.

Imaran Ahmad, team leader, brand protection, at HPCL who lodged the complaint, said, "We randomly pick samples of our various products and send them for testing at the company's lab to ensure their purity. In this particular case, we came across suspected fake products some four-and-half-months ago. Later, an internal investigation confirmed the suspicion. The dealers were using the company's logo on its Lal Ghoda brand. The exterior of the plastic containers were similar to the original ones, but the oil inside them was of dubious quality."

The raids were conducted at the shops-cum-godowns of Arjun Arora and Sahil in Delhi Gate area and hundreds of cartons of fake engine oil were recovered. The two dealers also failed to show cash memos of the consignments of engine oils. On being questioned, they told police that they had procured the products from one Ganesh Tiwari, a supplier from Vikas Nagar.

Ahmad said the dealers had procured the consignment at cheaper rates and then sold them to retailers at market price.

All three have been booked under sections 63 (copyright infringement) and 65 (possession of plates for purpose of making infringing copies) of the Copyright Act. "A bigger racket of suppliers and dealers is behind this malpractice and we will expose the people behind it very soon," said Jai Karan Singh, SHO, Kotwali police station.

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