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Huge quantity of fake cumin, black pepper seized



NEW DELHI: The cumin many of us might be using in our kitchens may just be a concoction of marble stone powder, discarded fennel, and carrot seeds. Delhi Police's Crime Branch has seized 25 tonnes of spurious cumin and black pepper and 40 tonnes of raw material for preparing fake spices from a tempo transporting them and a godown where these were being prepared. The spurious stuff was being supplied to Sadar Bazar and other wholesale markets

Sources said with the festive season around not just sweets but even spices and other items being manufactured are fake, so one should be careful while making purchase. Acting on an informer's tip-off that a person is preparing fake cumin seeds and black pepper on a large scale in Delhi's Jindpur village, the crime branch officials yesterday intercepted a tempo bearing a Delhi number and upon checking found 15 plastic bags of spurious jeera and 10 plastic bags of fake black pepper, officials said, adding the vehicle's driver was arrested. The tempo's driver, Bagesh Gupta, claimed that he works in the spices business and was going to deliver the products in the market. On his instance, a godown was also raided wherein a huge quantity of fake jeera was spread on a sheet on the floor.

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