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Food safety officers seize adulterated spices

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Jaipur: Five thousand kilograms of adulterated spices were seized by a team of food safety officers from a manufacturing unit of spices in Laxminarayanpuri of Jhotwara area on Monday. The unit has been sealed. More than 1,500 kg of powdered poha (flattened rice) has also been recovered from the unit owned by one Himmat Singh. "The owner brought powered poha and would then mix it in spices such as turmeric powder, coriander powder and chilli powder," said an official.

The manufacturing unit was functioning without any licence. "We found that the owner has not procured food licence under Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA). He was running the unit at a rented accommodation," the food safety officer said. The officials have also collected samples of spices and sent them to food laboratory for testing. The health department officials alleged that the accused sold adulterated spices to those involved in selling adulterated spices in Gangapur City and Karauli. Officials claimed that they have seized more than 3,300 kg of adulterated spices.