

FSSAI seizes 1.5 tonnes of adulterated tea dust

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Officials of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) seized 1.5 tonne of adulterated tea dust.

Designated Officer of FSSAI K. Tamilselvan said that the tea dust stock was seized from a house at Idikarai. He said that the half tonne of the seized tea dust was completely adulterated and the remaining one tonne was seized for suspected adulteration.

The tea dust stock was found at the house of Arumugam.

Spot checks

Officials, who got a tip-off on the stock, raided the house on Wednesday afternoon and conducted spot checks.

According to Dr. Tamilselvan, the adulterated tea dust was being sold under the brand name Royal Roses.

“Some of the 500g tea dust packets we seized had 50g sachet of tea dust mixed with high concentration of colourants. This sachet was meant to be mixed with the genuine tea dust to get strong colour. Several other packets contained tea dust which was mixed with colourants and ready for use,” he said.

Lab test

The official added that samples of the tea dust have been lifted which will be tested at a Government laboratory. Further action will be taken based on the results of the laboratory examination.