



300kg adulterated tea dust seized

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The food safety department officials seized nearly 300kg adulterated tea dust from a trader in Pollachi on Tuesday. The trader was involved in packaging tea under his own brand without mentioning FSSAI licence number, manufacturing and expiry date and batch number. The officers said the tea dust might have been adulterated with colouring agents and fillers.

The officials raided the firm run by G Thangaraj on Udumalai Road on Tuesday morning. They found hundreds of 500gm and 250gm tea packets under the labels of Godson Tea and Assam Gold Tea. “The packets did not have crucial details such as manufacturing and expiry dates and FSSAI licence number,” said Tamilselvan, designated food safety officer, who led the raid. “We also got a tip that he is adulterating tea dust. So, we have collected samples to be send for lab test.”

The officials issued him a seizure memo and sealed all the tea packets in his godown. They said Thangaraj had been supplying tea powder to many tea shops in Pollachi and Udumalpet.

On Monday evening, the food safety department had seized 200kg banned tobacco products from a godown in R S Puram. Based on a tip, officials raided the godown belonging to 25-year-old M Ganpath on Porri Kaara Sandhu, just off Thomas Street, and found a large cache of tobacco packets. “Ganpath was planning to distribute tobacco as a side business. The tobacco was in small packets of 115gm and 200gm,” Tamilselvan said.