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## 15 cartons of packaged drinking water destroyed

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Ludhiana: The food safety team of the health department conducted a raid on the premises of a packaged drinking water manufacturing unit based on Gill Road, and destroyed 15 cartons of the packaged drinking water here on Monday evening. The team also inspected a food storage godown based in the Khanna Main Market, and took a sample of eight food items, which were sent to a laboratory for purity testing.

District health officer Andesh Kang said: "Acting on a tip-off, the food safety team carried out a raid at a packaged drinking water manufacturing unit, and recovered 15 cartons of the water, which did not meet safety norms issued by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI). After knowing facts about the factory, all the packaged water bottles were destroyed by the official, which were earlier being sent to the market for use at marriage parties and other functions."

Kang added: "The health department team also inspected a food storage godown in Khanna tehsil, and took samples of eight food items, including desi ghee, mustard oil, and pulses to check safety standards of all of them. The health department suspected that all those food items might contain artificial flavouring, which could put people's lives at risk. The lab report on these food items will be ready in a fortnight."