

FSSAI seizes 462 kg tea dust for suspected adulteration

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Officials of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Monday seized 462 kg of tea dust for suspected adulteration in the form of mixing artificial colouring agents.

Designated Officer of FSSAI K. Tamilselvan said that the food regulatory body was closely monitoring the sale of adulterated tea dust in the district.

Based on a specific information, food safety officer V. Kamaraj found 12 kg of suspected adulterated tea dust with K. Bhuvaneshwaran, a resident of Balaji layout near Ganapathy, at Podanur on Monday. He was selling the tea dust in tea stalls and bakeries in the area. A spot test done on the tea dust found that they could be adulterated.

Following this, food safety officer M.S. Murugesan inspected Bhuvaneshwaran's house and found 440 kg of tea dust. Spot test done on the the stock found signs of adulteration in the tea dust.

Dr.Tamilselvan said that samples were lifted from the seized tea dust which will be sent to the Government food laboratory for examination. The total quantity of the seized tea dust is valued around ₹ 90,000.

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