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FIR of illegal peanut stock storage tied to raids by agri min Meena

The protein craze sweeping the world is transforming Australia's food industry, unlocking lucrative new opportunities for local food manufacturers.

In its report, the department said the seized groundnuts belonged to two Gujarat-based firms associated with Kiran Kumar Kapadia, who has since been arrested. Mandore SHO Sheshkaran confirmed an FIR under provisions of the Essential Commodities Act based on the department's submission.

During the raid led by agriculture minister Kirori Lal Meena, operators allegedly failed to produce satisfactory documents. Meena told media the consignment was from Gujarat, valued near Rs. 50 crore, and lacked valid licensing or authorisation.

Officials recorded 27,179 bags, each 20 kgs, totalling 543,580 kgs. "Notices had been issued to the concerned firms following this seizure seeking an explanation regarding the storage. After preliminary proceedings, the department formally reported the matter to Mandore police on Thursday", said an official. Congress has alleged connivance and demanded Meena's removal

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