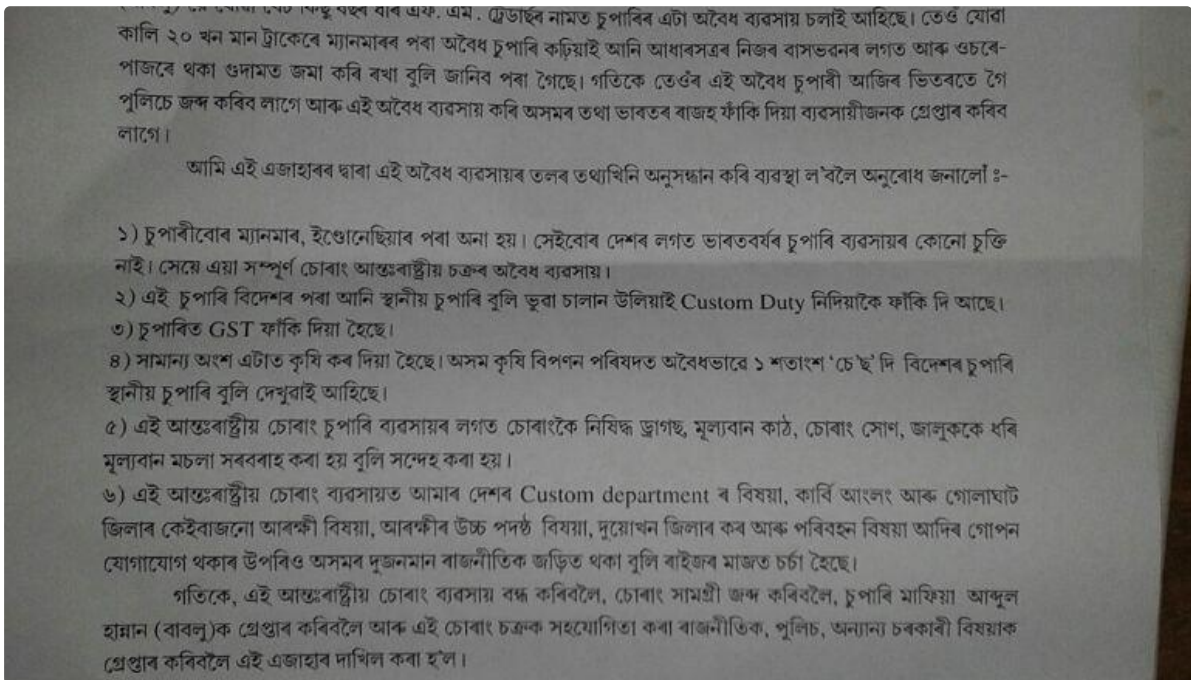


Dry nut smuggling: KMSS seeks arrest of trader



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GOLAGHAT: Krishak Mukti Sangram Samity in Assam claims to have discovered yet another nefarious dry nut smuggling incurring multi crore loss of [GST](#) in the cash strapped north eastern [state](#). In a written complaint lodged before Golaghat police on Sunday, Akhil Gogoi, the adviser of the [state](#)'s most influential peasant body has named a local trader Abdul Hannan Ali in the name of MS Traders under by direct and indirect patronage of a section of powerful political [leaders](#), civil and police heavyweights.

In his complaint, Gogoi claimed that the trader in question who is a resident of Gosai Satra village on Saturday brought a huge consignment of dry nuts in 20 trucks to be smuggled. According to Gogoi, dry nut [trade](#) with the neighbouring countries is illegal since [India](#) has no [deal](#) to do it with none of the neighbours as of now.

Procured from [Myanmar](#) and Indonesia, the entire consignment is being kept in a number of places in and around his house or business establishment. The KMSS firebrand, further, has alleged evasion of customs duty to the tune of crores of rupees allegedly producing challan copies to prove the consignment as local product with active help from Assam Agriculture Marketing Board who shows to have cleared it with 1 per cent cess. Gogoi and his organization demand a proper enquiry into it and arrest of Ali to bust the dry nut smuggling racket.



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