

# Firms to take up trademark violation with state govt

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**Kolkata:** Even as the state government strives for a better economic environment, corporates — some of them multinationals — are unhappy with the increasing instances of copyright and trademark violations by a section of unscrupulous businessmen.

These companies are now preparing to take up the matter with senior government officials.

“In the last few months, counterfeit items worth a few crores have been seized from Kolkata and the districts. These include medicines, calculators and other electronic items, garments, cosmetics and products like flashlights. Even after the seizures, the offenders have been allowed to go scot free. The police do not realise the extent of damage such activity causes to our business,” sources close to these companies said.

One case they cite is that of Paresh Nath Das, a businessman, whose godown and workshop in north Kolkata was found stacked with counterfeit flashlights.

In spite of an FIR lodged against him and others, police have not nabbed them. Senior police officers say the offenders are untraceable. However, TOI managed to contact Das on his mobile.

“Police do not understand that such activity sends wrong message to the business community. Why would a reputed business house wish to invest here if others get away by counterfeiting its products,” an official of a corporate house said.