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Fake calculator haul

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Kolkata: The enforcement branch of Kolkata Police raided shops on Friday and seized over 3,000 fake calculators bearing the Casio brand name.

Eight persons have been arrested. It was found that the packaging and hologram used on original Casio products have also been duplicated.

Casio has been contemplating a raid on Mehta Building in Burrabazar area for a long time. The market is the city hub for electronic goods. The market reportedly stocks smuggled goods with no valid documents. Price of calculators sold here start from Rs 250 onward. Scientific calculators

cost more. But according to Casio, prices of the eight scientific calculators manufactured by the company range from Rs 375 to Rs 625.

Casio has alleged copyright infringement in the complaint lodged with the police.

"The fake calculators give wrong readings in complex scientific calculations. This could jeopardise the careers of many students and researchers from the state. However, there are methods through which fakes can be identified. Press the digit 8 key while keeping the digit 7 key pressed. In the original, the digit 8 will appear on the screen. This will not happen in the fakes," said a company official.

Largest haul of fake calculators

OFFICERS OF the enforcement branch seized the largest haul of fake Casio calculators in the country from Mehta Building in central Kolkata on Friday.

Around 1,700 calculators were netted and 7 people were arrested. Senior enforcement branch (EB) officer Tapas Basu said the raid was conducted after a complaint from the regional office of the global electronics major Casio on Friday.

"They complained that several traders in Mehta Building were selling counterfeit calculators, bearing the brand name 'Casio' in violation of several sections of the copyright and trademark Act," he said.

The raid, with the support of Hare Street police, began at 2.30 pm and went on for 2 hours. "The whole market had to be searched and several shops were raided," he said.

The electronics firm's legal counsellor Feroze Edulji said, "This was the largest ever raid in India and the recovery was quite high. We appreciate the prompt action by the city police."

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