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NEW DELHI: The Indian police thwarted an attempt by a man to smuggle about 50kg of drugs worth RM5.7mil into Malaysia from Chennai when they seized the consignment recently.

The police also launched a hunt for the fugitive, an official of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), India's top anti-smuggling agency, was quoted as saying in the local media on Tuesday.

The seized consignment found hidden in a cargo container comprised 44.2kg of methaqualone, a sedative known as mandrax, and 5.9kg of piperonal, a controlled substance that can be used for making party drug Ecstasy or MDMA.

The addresses used in the consignment were found to be fake, the official said. — Bernama