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Star tortoises seized at Chennai airport

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Chennai, July 12: A 34-year-old Singapore bound passenger was detained at Chennai airport early this morning after 500 star turtles, valued at about Rs 5 lakh, were found in his baggage, airport sources said.

The Central Industrial Security Force personnel, on suspicion, searched the baggage of Shahjahan, hailing from Tiruchirappalli and bound for Singapore.

The passenger was immediately detained and later handed over to the Customs authorities, the sources said.

During the last three years, several such cases of attempts to smuggle out star turtles have been unearthed. (Our Correspondent)