

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1027
ANSWERED ON-12.12.2023

Increasing in smuggling of gold and precious gems

1027. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of *FINANCE* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instances of smuggling of gold and other precious gems, etc. are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the cases reported along with quantum of items seized during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the involvement of foreign nationals working as syndicate along with the Indian citizens in the smuggling has been reported;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons arrested including foreigners during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check such cases of smuggling?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) & (b) Details of cases of gold smuggling and precious gems smuggling are enclosed as Annexure-A and Annexure-B, respectively.
- (c) & (d) Yes, seven cases of such involvement have been reported. The details of these cases are enclosed as Annexure-C.
- (e) To deter smuggling, Customs field formations and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence keep constant vigil and take operational measures such as passenger profiling, risk-based interdiction and targeting of cargo consignments, supply chain interventions, non-intrusive inspection, rummaging of carriers, including aircraft, and keep coordination with other agencies. Field formations are regularly sensitized to new methods of smuggling.

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State-wise data of cases of smuggling of Gold

State/UT*	Calendar Year	No. of cases	Quantity seized (in Kgs.)
North Eastern States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura)	2020	49	242.85
	2021	54	296.58
	2022	65	204.69
	2023 (upto October)	85	133.99
Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand	2020	61	86.29
	2021	93	138.48
	2022	98	140.11
	2023 (upto October)	110	171.50
Goa	2020	7	7.74
	2021	13	12.22
	2022	15	8.90
	2023 (upto October)	18	20.71
Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	2020	114	50.76
	2021	73	36.61
	2022	149	121.38
	2023 (upto October)	243	177.16
Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Leh & Ladakh	2020	309	404.12
	2021	359	379.13
	2022	586	556.69
	2023 (upto October)	577	584.09
Karnataka	2020	103	52.26
	2021	173	91.76
	2022	145	97.20
	2023 (upto October)	237	139.41
Kerala	2020	672	406.39
	2021	738	586.95
	2022	1035	755.81
	2023 (upto October)	728	542.36
Maharashtra	2020	389	191.43
	2021	210	119.22
	2022	572	535.65
	2023 (upto October)	1357	997.51
Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh	2020	5	10.61
	2021	7	47.02
	2022	7	17.39
	2023 (upto October)	9	21.74
Odisha	2020	2	0.82
	2021	0	0.00
	2022	3	2.21
	2023 (upto October)	2	3.54

Tamil Nadu	2020	676	375.01
	2021	521	322.11
	2022	888	519.00
	2023 (upto October)	894	498.84
Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	2020	94	104.33
	2021	95	98.13
	2022	179	139.89
	2023 (upto October)	236	200.81
West Bengal	2020	86	221.98
	2021	109	255.19
	2022	240	403.24
	2023 (upto October)	302	425.86
Total	2020	2567	2154.58
	2021	2445	2383.38
	2022	3982	3502.16
	2023 (upto October)	4798	3917.52

*States/UTs are grouped because the data is not available separately.

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State-wise data of cases of smuggling of Precious Gems (diamonds, and other gems)

State/UT	Calendar Year	No. of cases of seizure of Precious Gems	Quantity of seized Diamonds (in Carats) and other Precious Gems (in Kg/pieces)
Manipur	2020	1	745
	2021	0	0
	2022	1	4400
	2023 (upto October)	0	0
Gujarat	2020	0	0
	2021	2	58327.03
	2022	2	428.54
	2023 (upto October)	1	4910.30
Rajasthan	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	1	1150
	2023 (upto October)	0	0
Karnataka	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
	2023 (upto October)	1	306.21
Maharashtra	2020	5	3685.46
	2021	2	7765
	2022	7	469.37
	2023 (upto October)	2	2142.62
Tamil Nadu	2020	1	611
	2021	3	1794
	2022	4	3393
	2023 (upto October)	5	3260
West Bengal	2020	0	0
	2021	1	75.75
	2022	2	5962.72
	2023 (upto October)	1	3.36
Delhi (*)	2020	2	1136 pieces
	2021	1	0.22 Kg
	2022	2	0.047 Kg
	2023 (upto October)	2	48.45 Kg

(*) The items are lab grown Diamond Granules, glass filled Sapphire and glass filled Ruby

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Details of cases of smuggling of gold and other precious gems wherein involvement of foreigners and Indian Citizens has been reported and arrests made therein

Calendar Year	No. of cases	Quantity of gold seized (in kgs.)	No. of persons arrested (including foreigners)
2020	1	30.25	18
2020	1	3.50	7
2021	1	85.54	6
2022	1	61.38	2
2022	1	1.73	5
2023	1	101.07	10
2023	1	16.36	9