

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4051

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016  
AGRAHAYANA 18, 1938 [SAKA]

**Gold Smuggling**

†4051. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and amount of gold smuggled from various countries to India, quantity and country-wise;
- (b) the manner in which the gold seized by the Government is being utilised; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to check gold smuggling?

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

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- (a) Details of quantity and country-wise gold seizures are given in the **Annexure**.
- (b) In cases of smuggling, the seized gold is absolutely confiscated and disposed through sale/auction.
- (c) In order to curb smuggling of gold, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) of CBEC has been issuing Alert/modus operandi Circulars from time to time. Strict vigil is kept in sensitive areas at airports/borders; flights from sensitive sectors are scrutinized and the baggage x-rayed and passengers diverted for security through metal detectors. On detection of cases, strict action is taken by way of imposing deterrent fine and penalty as per relevant provisions of law.

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**Annexure**

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<b>Details of Gold seized by Customs Department (Quantity and Country-wise)</b>				
<b>Name of the Country</b>	<b>Quantity of Gold Seized (in Kg.)</b>			
	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17 (upto October, 2016)</b>
<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>	48.95	23.88	35.07	14.71
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>BAHRAIN</b>	3.52	3.61	6.64	7.86
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	276.39	183.87	132.79	54.25
<b>BELGIUM</b>	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>BISHKEK</b>	0.00	0.00	0.92	0.00
<b>CHINA</b>	3.00	42.32	35.03	50.00
<b>ETHIOPIA</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.65
<b>FRANCE</b>	0.15	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>GERMANY</b>	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HONG KONG</b>	38.88	48.47	33.32	1.17
<b>IRAN</b>	0.00	0.00	1.32	0.00
<b>ITALY</b>	0.00	0.38	1.54	0.53
<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>	0.00	0.00	23.25	3.64
<b>KENYA</b>	0.00	1.40	0.00	7.50
<b>KOREA</b>	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.00
<b>KUWAIT</b>	4.80	24.27	22.48	13.00
<b>MALAYSIA</b>	41.74	124.78	123.77	40.51
<b>MALDIVES</b>	2.70	5.00	3.45	0.00
<b>MYANMAR</b>	55.03	188.84	232.31	246.00
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00
<b>NEPAL</b>	70.29	20.92	17.71	18.96
<b>OMAN</b>	19.60	36.37	9.98	6.77
<b>PAKISTAN</b>	0.80	7.72	1.68	0.05
<b>PHILLIPINES</b>	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
<b>QATAR</b>	24.19	84.58	71.70	17.07
<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>	35.60	110.58	43.54	7.94
<b>SINGAPORE</b>	224.62	265.86	142.08	12.65
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	170.50	252.67	114.19	43.43
<b>THAILAND</b>	173.64	1114.69	224.58	125.99
<b>TURKEY</b>	0.00	0.00	11.17	0.00
<b>UAE</b>	973.40	1291.00	1417.57	151.39
<b>UK</b>	0.75	6.73	10.76	0.78
<b>USA</b>	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>OTHERS *</b>	71.59	190.90	258.29	29.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>2242.85</b>	<b>4035.04</b>	<b>2976.01</b>	<b>854.39</b>

\* Includes unclaimed baggage and where origin is not known.