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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 384

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY, 2017
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Smuggling of Gold

384. SHRI NANA PATOLE: SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

- (a) whether there has been a spurt in the smuggling of gold in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with number of such cases reported and the quantum of gold including ornaments seized from foreigners and Indians during the last three years, airport and seaport-wise;
- (c) the names of the countries from where gold is being smuggled in India during the last three years, country-wise;
- (d) the manner in which the gold seized by the Government is being utilized; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check the smuggling of gold?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There has been a decrease in gold seizures in the country in 2015-16 when compared to 2014-15.
- (b) Details of the gold smuggling at the Airports and Seaports are given in Annexure 'A' and Annexure 'B' respectively.
- (c) Details of quantity and country-wise gold seizures are given in Annexure 'C'.
- (d) The seized/confiscated gold is sold as per the prescribed guidelines.
- (e) Constant vigil is kept at airports/borders. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) of CBEC issues Alert/modus operandi Circulars from time to time. On detection of smuggling, action is taken in accordance with the provisions of law.

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 384 for reply on 03.02.2017						
Name of the Airport from where such gold (including gold ornaments) was seized	Number of cases of seizure of Gold (including gold ornaments) detected at Airports/Seaports			Quantity of gold (including gold ornaments) seized in Kg.		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Sardar Vallabhbhai International Airport, Ahmedabad	25	51	28	33.823	56.812	32.52
Lengpui Airport, Aizawal	0	1	0	0	6	0
Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee Airport, Amritsar	11	30	10	26.9009	28.256	12.55
Bagdogra Airport	3	2	1	1.96	3.83	2.99
Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru	98	147	183	76.418	159.82	171.356
Chennai International Airport	730	969	591	293.518	479.407	233.9
Calicut International Airport	100	100	58	112.323	155.981	123.59
Cochin International Airport	128	141	152	76.821	116.792	107.95
Coiambatore International Airport	6	7	2	8.233	12.43	1.85
Dabolim, Goa and Pune International Airport	37	58	63	47.65	107.642	79.249
Gaya International Airport, Patna	0	4	2	0	7.211	1.15
Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati	1	3	0	0.607	1.166	0
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad	55	104	87	66.227	132.521	110.735
Tulihal Airport, Imphal	1	9	4	2.3	16.31	3.558
Jaipur International Airport	15	22	20	15.233	15.497	17.992
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata	150	297	214	133.338	281.756	206.2422
Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow	25	5	12	16.3	1.9	11.34
Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai	242	755	586	229.9*	902.869	385.08
Mangalore International Airport	51	39	30	32.831	25.41	22.56
Madurai Airport	23	44	25	14.26	11.988	7.03
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, Nagpur	5	2	5	5.649	2.785	5.48882
Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi	410	407	325	461.4919	688.5431	606.563
Tiruchirappalli International Airport	69	225	197	36.82	77.46	71.28
Tuticorin Airport	0	1	0	0	1.2	0
Trivandrum International Airport	22	48	28	22.17	34.27	32.255
Lal Bhadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi	1	0	2	5.643	0	1.51
Visakhapatnam International Airport	4	6	68	6.67	7.26	22.93

* excludes 52 Pcs of diamonds studded jewellery.

Annexure- B

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Name of the Seaport	Number of cases of seizure of Gold (including gold ornaments)			Quantity of gold (including gold ornaments) seized in Kg		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Chennai Seaport	0	1	0	0	5	0
NS Dock, Kolkata Seaport	0	1	0	0	5	0
Cochin Seaport	0	0	1	0	0	6.998

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Details of Gold seized by Customs Department (Quantity and Country-wise)			
Name of the Country	Quantity of Gold Seized (in Kg.)		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
AFGHANISTAN	48.95	23.88	35.07
AUSTRALIA	0.51	0.00	0.00
BAHRAIN	3.52	3.61	6.64
BANGLADESH	276.39	183.87	132.79
BELGIUM	2.00	0.00	0.00
CHINA	3.00	42.32	35.03
ETHIOPIA	0.00	0.00	0.00
FRANCE	0.15	2.22	0.00
GERMANY	0.10	0.00	0.00
HONG KONG	38.88	48.47	33.32
IRAN	0.00	0.00	1.32
ITALY	0.00	0.38	1.54
KAZAKHSTAN	0.00	0.00	23.25
KENYA	0.00	1.40	0.00
KOREA	0.00	0.00	0.65
KUWAIT	4.80	24.27	22.48
KYRGYZSTAN	0.00	0.00	0.92
MALAYSIA	41.74	124.78	123.77
MALDIVES	2.70	5.00	3.45
MYANMAR	55.03	188.84	232.31
NETHERLANDS	0.00	0.00	0.24
NEPAL	70.29	20.92	17.71
OMAN	19.60	36.37	9.98
PAKISTAN	0.80	7.72	1.68
PHILLIPINES	0.00	4.00	0.00
QATAR	24.19	84.58	71.70
SAUDI ARABIA	35.60	110.58	43.54
SINGAPORE	224.62	265.86	142.08
SRI LANKA	170.50	252.67	114.19
THAILAND	173.64	1114.69	224.58
TURKEY	0.00	0.00	11.17
UAE	973.40	1291.00	1417.57
UK	0.75	6.73	10.76
USA	0.10	0.00	0.00
OTHERS	71.59	190.90	258.28