GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 504(H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th FEBRUARY, 2017

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF GEMS AND JEWELLERY

504(H). SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of production and export of gems, jewellery and diamonds and the volume of their export during the last three years in the country;
- (b) whether the production and export of old jewellery, diamond, pearls has increased or decreased during the last three years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The details of production of precious minerals/metals (diamond, gold and silver) during last three years is given below:

Mineral/Metails	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(P)
Diamond	crt	37517	36107	36070
Gold	kg	1564	1441	1323
Silver	kg	349774	327647	426443

(P): Provisional; Source: MCDR returns

Note: Excludes minerals declared as minor mineral vide notification dated 10.02.2015.

The details of exports of Gems, jewellery and diamond during the last three year (in value term):

(Value in US\$ Million)

Items	2013-14	2014-2015	2015-16
Pearl, Precious, Semi-Precious stones	27159.49	24758.79	22297.26
Gold	3031.84	2845.15	5573.54
Silver	18.52	5.68	7.35
Other Precious and Base Metals	321.53	414.05	447.29
Gold and Other Precious Metal Jewellery	10857.70	13242.41	10958.01
Total	41389.07	41266.07	39283.46

Source: DGCI&S

The details of exports of Gems, jewellery and diamond during the last three year (in quantity term)

(Quantity in Thousands)

Items	Unit	2013-14	2014-2015	2015-16
Gold	kg	70.72	70.82	150.75
Silver	kg	34.25	7.57	29.95

Source: DGCIS

Note: The quantity figures within other commodities are not additive thus cannot be provided.

(b) & (c): There is no mechanism to trace the data of manufacturing old gold jewellery, diamond and pearls or any other gem and jewellery items.

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