

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4248

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY 11th AUGUST, 2017
SHRAVANA 20, 1939 [SAKA]

Gold Smuggling at IGIA

†4248. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- whether there has been an increase in the number of cases of gold and silver smuggling at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA);
- if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year;
- the action taken against the offenders along with the value of gold and silver seized by the customs department, during the last three years and the current year;
- whether the customs officers thwarted three attempts of gold smuggling at the IGIA airport recently, if so, the details thereof;
- the total quantity of gold seized in these cases, total number of persons arrested along with action taken against the offenders; and
- the corrective steps taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such cases in future?

ANSWER

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

- No.
- Nil in view of (a) above.
- The details are given as under:

Year	Value of Gold Seized at IGIA (Rs. in Lakh)	Value of Silver Seized at IGIA (Rs. in Lakh)	Action Taken against the Offenders
2014-15	16569.78	0	Whenever necessary, offenders were arrested and penal action were taken against them in terms of Customs Act, 1962.
2015-16	15332.85	0	
2016-17	4732.16	13.44	
2017-18 (upto June, 2017)	1684.25	0	

(d & e) On 24.06.2017, 25.06.2017 and 28.06.2017, three (3) cases of gold smuggling were booked and a total of 1.763 Kg of gold was seized. No person was arrested on these occasions and action was taken as per the relevant provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.

- All possible preventive measures are being taken to prevent smuggling of gold like issuance of alert, intelligence gathering, sharing and coordinating with other agencies.
