

Government of India
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LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 1271
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022
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Gold Smuggling Cases

1271. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the number of cases registered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) or any other Central Agencies with regard to smuggling of gold across the country including the State of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases registered by the central agencies during the last ten years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of the total value of gold seized during the said period;
- (d) the details of number of cases judged and punished so far; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to set up fast track courts for speedy trial in view of the increasing number of cases?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a): During the last 10 years, the Directorate of Enforcement has recorded 15 cases under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 and has taken up 29 cases for investigation under provisions of FEMA, 1999 related to Gold Smuggling all over India on the basis of seizure of the gold by other LEAs.

Since the inception of NIA, Ministry of Home Affairs has entrusted 04 cases pertaining to gold smuggling to NIA for investigation. Out of 04 cases, 01 case pertains to Kerala State. In these 04 cases, a total of 132.36539 kg of gold was seized by the Customs department having the approx. value of Rs. 67.0316722/- crore.

(b): The details of gold seized by Customs field formations and DRI are enclosed as **Annexure-A** and details of cases being investigated by NIA are at **Annexure-B**.

(c): During investigations under the provisions of FEMA, the Directorate of Enforcement has seized Gold weighing 26.97kg amounting to Rs 10.5 Crores. Further, under PMLA, till 20.07.2022, proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs.18.66 crore (approx.) has been attached in 02 cases and 03 Prosecution Complaints including 01 Supplementary PC has also been filed in these 02 cases.

Disclosure of further information may not be in the larger public interest as it may adversely impact the ongoing investigation.

A total seizure of gold valued at around Rs. 9661.608 Crores was made by CBIC.

(d): Chargesheet has been filed in all 04 cases by NIA. However, the cases are under trial in the Judicial Courts.

A total of 27867 cases were adjudicated and 1045 cases were prosecuted by CBIC.

(e): The Government has no plans to set up fast track courts for this purpose.

Annexure-A

State/UT	Calendar Year	No. of cases of seizure of gold
Goa	2012	0
	2013	18
	2014	44
	2015	34
	2016	5
	2017	18
	2018	18
	2019	11
	2020	7
	2021	13
	2022 (upto June)	13
Karnataka	2012	18
	2013	120
	2014	213
	2015	215
	2016	107
	2017	164
	2018	242
	2019	207
	2020	103
	2021	173
	2022 (upto June)	33
Kerala	2012	50
	2013	144
	2014	273
	2015	238
	2016	166
	2017	259
	2018	997
	2019	1073
	2020	672
	2021	738
	2022 (upto June)	470

State/UT	Calendar Year	No. of cases of seizure of gold
Maharashtra	2012	490
	2013	315
	2014	1233
	2015	757
	2016	270
	2017	824
	2018	1570
	2019	812
	2020	389
	2021	210
	2022 (upto June)	177
Odisha	2012	0
	2013	0
	2014	0
	2015	0
	2016	0
	2017	2
	2018	26
	2019	11
	2020	2
	2021	0
	2022 (upto June)	1
Tamil Nadu	2012	142
	2013	538
	2014	1338
	2015	1033
	2016	458
	2017	645
	2018	750
	2019	1186
	2020	676
	2021	521
	2022 (upto June)	435

State/UT	Calendar Year	No. of cases of seizure of gold
West Bengal	2012	7
	2013	90
	2014	315
	2015	215
	2016	194
	2017	170
	2018	175
	2019	205
	2020	86
	2021	109
	2022 (upto June)	84
Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand *	2012	2
	2013	20
	2014	50
	2015	26
	2016	22
	2017	29
	2018	43
	2019	91
	2020	61
	2021	93
	2022 (upto June)	42
Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Leh & Laddakh *	2012	15
	2013	137
	2014	699
	2015	437
	2016	149
	2017	279
	2018	491
	2019	502
	2020	309
	2021	359
	2022 (upto June)	186

State/UT	Calendar Year	No. of cases of seizure of gold
Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu *	2012	1
	2013	34
	2014	71
	2015	47
	2016	9
	2017	28
	2018	95
	2019	137
	2020	114
	2021	73
	2022 (upto June)	69
Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh *	2012	0
	2013	0
	2014	0
	2015	0
	2016	1
	2017	2
	2018	2
	2019	2
	2020	5
	2021	7
	2022 (upto June)	4
North Eastern States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura) *	2012	4
	2013	2
	2014	19
	2015	29
	2016	25
	2017	72
	2018	102
	2019	50
	2020	49
	2021	54
	2022 (upto June)	29

State/UT	Calendar Year	No. of cases of seizure of gold
Telangana, Andhra Pradesh *	2012	3
	2013	75
	2014	127
	2015	111
	2016	79
	2017	163
	2018	119
	2019	117
	2020	94
	2021	95
	2022 (upto June)	27

* States/UTs were grouped because their data was not available separately.

Annexure-B

Year	Case No. & Identity	Name of State
2020	RC-32/2020/NIA/DLI (Seizure of smuggled gold at Railway Station, New Delhi)	Delhi
	RC-36/2020/NIA/DLI (Trivandrum Gold Smuggling Case)	Kerala
	RC-36/2020/NIA/DLI (Seizure of gold bar at Jaipur airport by customs officials, Jodhpur, Rajasthan)	Rajasthan
2022	RC-05/2020/NIA/DLI (Seizure of FICN with gold by Custom officials at IGI Airport, New Delhi)	Delhi