

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT POLICY FOR GOLD

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding import of gold by private and public sector during the current year;
- (b) whether there has been change in price of gold in international as well as in domestic market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revise the import policy of gold in view of changes in gold prices;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps being taken to bring down gold prices in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): The import of Gold in India, during the period April to September, 2009 is as given below:

ITC (HS) Code Description April to September, 2009Code

Quantity Value (In
(in MTs.) Crores of
Rupees)

71081200 Other Non-monetary 363.460 54422.91
unwrought Forms of Gold

71081300 Other Non-monetary semi 2.379 361.83
Manufactured Forms of Gold

Source – DGCI&S

#Note: Figures for period are provisional.

(b) to (e): There has been an increase in the International price of gold by about 16% in the month of February, 2010 (monthly average of US \$ 1095 per Troy Ounce) compared to the corresponding month of 2009 (monthly average of US \$ 943.16 per Troy Ounce). Changing international investment patterns, exchange rate volatilities in the international market and changing demand-supply scenario are some of the factors known to affect the international price of gold. The domestic gold prices are broadly driven by the international gold prices.

The Government has liberalized the import policy for precious metal including gold by allowing direct import by additional entities (as nominated agencies) for easy access.