

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4014

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST, 2018
SHRAVANA 19, 1940 [SAKA]

SMUGGLING OF GOLD AT AIRPORTS

4014. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- a) whether instances of smuggling of gold from foreign countries are on the rise and several persons have been arrested carrying gold/gold biscuits, if so, the details thereof;
- b) the number and value of smuggled gold/gold biscuits seized by the customs at the airports along with the number of persons arrested and cases registered, at airport, State/UT-wise;
- c) the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- d) whether any instances of theft of seized gold kept in the vaults at the airports has come to the notice of the Government, if so, the details thereof; and
- e) whether the Government has any proposal to reduce the import duty on gold and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE [REVENUE]
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)

(a) & (b) The details of the cases of smuggling of gold seized by Customs at Airports, State/UT-wise are attached at Annexure 'A'.

(c) On detection of the cases, action is taken against the persons involved including arrest in accordance with the Customs Act, 1962.

(d) Yes. Three instances of theft of seized gold kept in the vaults at the airports have come to the notice of the Government in the year 2017-18.

(e) There is no proposal under consideration to reduce import duty on gold.

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4014 for reply on 10.08.2018				
State/UT	Name of the Airport	Seizure of Gold		No. of Persons Arrested
		No. of Cases Registered during the current year upto June, 2018	Value (Rs. In Lakh)	
Gujarat	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	23	613.77	16
Karnataka	Mangalore International Airport	25	446.2	1
	Kempegowda International Airport	16	165.15	1
Odisha	Biju Patnaik International Airport	10	303.52	6
Tamil Nadu	Anna International Airport	50	2779.62	11
Kerala	Cochin International Airport	116	1114.92	14
	Calicut International Airport	135	1667.2	14
	Thiruvananthapuram International Airport	30	400.68	11
Delhi	Indira Gandhi International Airport	109	4602.4	123
Punjab	Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport	14	100.39	2
Chandigarh (UT)	Chandigarh International Airport	9	131.08	3
Rajasthan	Jaipur International Airport	4	41.13	0
Telangana	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	16	359.52	12
West Bengal	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport	24	229.51	2
Maharashtra	Pune International Airport	4	156.88	2
	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	290	4214.1	57
	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport	1	1.76	0
Uttar Pradesh	Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport	3	38.33	1
Goa	Dabolim International Airport	5	71.92	4
Manipur	Imphal International	10	208.14	5

	Airport			
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam International Airport	3	22.84	0
Tamil Nadu	Trichy Airport	55	441.86	3
	Madurai International Airport	8	155.61	1
	Coiambatore International Airport	25	457.6	2
Madhya Pradesh	Indore International Airport	1	113	0

