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PARLIAMENT MATTER

FROM: ROHIT ANAND, OSD (ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT), CBIC, NEW DELHI.

TO: I. PRINCIPAL ADG, DRI, NEW DELHI.
II. CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS:-
1. AHMEDABAD, 2. BENGALURU, 3. CHENNAI, 4. DELHI, 5. DELHI (PREVENTIVE), 6. KOLKATA, 7. MUMBAI-I, 8. MUMBAI-II, 9. MUMBAI-III, 10. PATNA, 11. TRICHY.
III. CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS & CENTRAL GOODS & SERVICE TAX:-
1. BHOPAL, 2. BHUBANESHWAR, 3. COIMBATORE, 4. COCHIN, 5. HYDERABAD, 6. PUNE, 7. NAGPUR, 8. SHILLONG, 9. VISHAKHAPATNAM, 10. CHANDIGARH, 11. MYSURU.
IV. CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CENTRAL EXCISE, KOLKATA.

F. NO. 391/01/2019-CUS (AS)

DATED: 29.01.2019

RE-PRODUCED BELOW IS TEXT OF LOK SABHA STARRED/UNSTARRED QUESTION DY. NO. 1503 FOR ANSWER ON 08.02.2019 REGARDING "GOLD SMUGGLING".

- (a) WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN GOLD SMUGGLING IN THE COUNTRY, IF SO, THE DETAILS THEREOF INCLUDING THE VALUE OF GOLD AND JEWELLERY SEIZED FROM INDIAN AND FOREIGN TOURISTS BY THE GOVERNMENT, AIRPORT-WISE, DURING EACH OF THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THE CURRENT YEAR;
- (b) THE COUNTRIES FROM WHERE GOLD IS BEING SMUGGLED TO INDIA;
- (c) THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SEIZED GOLD IS BEING UTILIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT;
- (d) WHETHER THE INCREASE IN INCIDENCE OF GOLD SMUGGLING IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGH RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON GOLD AND IF SO, THE DETAILS THEREOF; AND
- (e) THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CURB/CHECK SMUGGLING OF GOLD?

IT IS THEREFORE, REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE PART-WISE REPLY TO THE MINISTRY LATEST BY FRIDAY i.e. 01.02.2019 BEFORE 05:00 PM POSITIVELY AT TELEFAX NO. 011-26177328 AND ALSO E-MAIL AT rohit.anand76@nic.in.

THE DATA FOR PART (A) MAY BE FURNISHED IN THE BELOW MENTIONED FORMAT

Zone	Name of the Airport from where such gold(including jewellery) was seized	Number of cases of seizure of Gold (including jewellery) detected at Airports				Quantity of gold (including jewellery) seized in Kg				Value of gold (including jewellery) seized Rs. in Lakh			
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto Dec, 18)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto Dec, 18)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto Dec, 18)

THE DATA FOR PART (B) MAY BE FURNISHED IN THE BELOW MENTIONED FORMAT

Name of the Country	Quantity of gold seized in Kg			
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto Dec, 18)

THE DATA FOR PART (C) MAY BE FURNISHED IN THE BELOW MENTIONED FORMAT

Qty of the Gold Disposed in Kg.	Value of the gold disposed (Rs. in Lakh)	Actual Sales Proceeds Realized (Rs. in Lakh)

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**FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CENTRAL TAX & CUSTOMS,
VISAKHAPATNAM ZONE, VISAKHAPATNAM**
**TO SHRI ROHIT ANAND, UNDER SECRETARY (ANTI-SMUGGLING
UNIT), CBIC, NEW DELHI**

C.NO. V/19/01/2019-CC(VZ) TECH PQ

31.01.2019

PARLIAMENT QUESTION - LOK SABHA STARRED/UNSTARRED QUESTION DIARY NUMBER 1503, RECEIVED FROM SHRI ROHIT ANAND, UNDER SECRETARY (ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT), CBIC, NEW DELHI, REGARDING 'GOLD SMUGGLING' THROUGH E-MAIL DATED 29.01.2019.

PARA WISE REPLY TO THE ABOVE PARLIAMENT QUESTION IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT IN RESPECT OF VISAKHAPATNAM ZONE IS FURNISHED AS UNDER.

PARA (A) & (B): REPORT ENCLOSED AS ANNEXURE-I.

PARA (C) : THE SEIZED GOLD IN STANDARD BAR FORM ARE SENT TO SBI, BULLION BRANCH, CHENNAI FOR SALE WHILE GOLD IN ANY OTHER FORM i.e. GOLD JEWELLERY, CUT PIECES ETC. ARE SENT TO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINT, MUMBAI FOR CONVERSION INTO STANDARD GOLD BAR FORM. SUBSEQUENTLY, STANDARD GOLD BARS ARE DEPOSITED TO SBI, BULLION BRANCH, MUMBAI FOR SALE. AMOUNT REALIZED FROM THE SALE ARE DEPOSITED IN REVENUE ACCOUNT OF GOVT. OF INDIA. REPORT ENCLOSED AS ANNEXURE-I.

PARA (D) : POLICY MATTER

PARA (E) : OFFICER POSTED AT FIELD FORMATION SUCH AS AIRPORT AND PORTS ARE SENSITIZED REGULARLY REGARDING VARIOUS MODUS OPERANDI ADOPTED BY THE SMUGGLERS AND TO MAINTAIN STRICT VIGIL AT AIRPORT / PORT TO CURB GOLD SMUGGLING. ACCORDINGLY, THE OFFICERS ARE ALWAYS ALERT TO PREVENT ANY UNTOWARD INCIDENT. FURTHER ADVANCED MACHINES LIKE X-RAY SCANNERS ARE ALSO INSTALLED AT AIRPORTS FOR EASY DETECTION OF CONTRABAND ITEMS ON BAGGAGE / PERSON.



(ARAVINDA DAS)
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

ANNEXURE - I

Parliamentary Question Lok Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Diary No. 1503
Visakhapatnam Zone

PART A

Zone	Name of the Airport from where such gold (including jewellery) was seized	Number of cases of seizure of Gold (including jewellery) detected at Airports				Quantity of Gold (including jewellery) seized in Kg				Value of Gold (including jewellery) seized Rs. in Lakh			
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Upto Dec, 2018)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Upto Dec, 2018)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Upto Dec, 2018)
Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam International Airport	68	6	10	13	22.934	4.014	2.385	3.74	613.1	115.9	69.88	116.08

PART B

Name of the Country	Quantity of Gold Seized in Kg			
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Upto Dec, 2018)
Dubai, UAE	11.974	2.414	0	1.217
Singapore	1.28	1.6	0	0.773
Malaysia	9.68	0	0.626	1.748
Sri Lanka	0	0	1.759	0

PART C

Year	Qty of the gold Disposed in Kg	Value of the gold	Actual Sales Proceeds
2015-16	15.103	428.69	401.13
2016-17	14.106	368.37	395.50
2017-18	1.662	47.78	48.36
2018-19 (upto Dec, 18)	4.020	114.92	121.20