

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1502**  
ANSWERED ON-TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 /23 PHALGUNA, 1944 (SAKA)

**Rise in gold smuggling cases**

**1502. Dr. Sonal Mansingh:**

Will the Minister of *FINANCE* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reports of gold smuggling cases have increased sharply;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported in the last three years in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken to curb the gold smuggling to the country;
- (d) whether Government suspects the role of the gangs, who finance the anti-national elements; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE  
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

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- (a) & (b) Details are enclosed at Annexure-A.
- (c) The Government makes policy interventions and takes operational measures to check smuggling.  
  
To deter smuggling of gold, Customs field formations and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) keep constant vigil and take operational measures such as passenger profiling, risk based interdiction and targeting of cargo consignments, non-intrusive inspection, rummaging of aircrafts and coordination with other agencies. Modus Operandi Circulars related to new modus/method used by the gold smugglers are issued from time to time.
- (d) & (e) In last three years, National Investigation Agency (NIA) has conducted investigations and filed charge sheets in three cases of gold smuggling.

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**Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1502 answered on 14.03.2023 regarding  
"Rise in Gold Smuggling"**

**State-wise data**

<b>State/UT*</b>	<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>No. of cases of seizure of gold</b>	<b>Quantity of gold seized (in Kgs.)</b>
North Eastern States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura)	2020	49	242.85
	2021	54	296.58
	2022	65	204.69
	2023 (upto February)	15	36.64
Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand	2020	61	86.29
	2021	93	138.48
	2022	98	140.11
	2023 (upto February)	20	61.09
Goa	2020	7	7.74
	2021	13	12.22
	2022	15	8.90
	2023 (upto February)	1	1.91
Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	2020	114	50.76
	2021	73	36.61
	2022	149	121.38
	2023 (upto February)	30	23.32
Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Leh & Laddakh	2020	309	404.12
	2021	359	379.13
	2022	586	556.69
	2023 (upto February)	114	154.95
Karnataka	2020	103	52.26
	2021	173	91.76
	2022	145	97.20
	2023 (upto February)	42	22.33
Kerala	2020	672	406.39
	2021	738	586.95
	2022	1035	755.81
	2023 (upto February)	166	120.14
Maharashtra	2020	389	191.43
	2021	210	119.22
	2022	572	535.65
	2023 (upto February)	246	279.08
Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh	2020	5	10.61
	2021	7	47.02
	2022	7	17.39
	2023 (upto February)	1	0.13
Odisha	2020	2	0.82
	2021	0	0.00
	2022	3	2.21
	2023 (upto February)	0	0.00
Tamil Nadu	2020	676	375.01
	2021	521	322.11
	2022	888	519.00
	2023 (upto February)	152	101.31

Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	2020	94	104.33
	2021	95	98.13
	2022	179	139.89
	2023 (upto February)	47	36.27
West Bengal	2020	86	221.98
	2021	109	255.19
	2022	240	403.24
	2023 (upto February)	41	79.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2567</b>	<b>2154.58</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>2383.38</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>3982</b>	<b>3502.16</b>
	<b>2023 (upto February)</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>916.37</b>

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