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PRESS NOTE

**SEIZURE OF FOREIGN ORIGIN GOLD BARS FROM PAX FLYING AIR
ARABIA FROM SHARJAH FROM A MILD STEEL ROLLER 3.6 KGS**

**ONE PERSON ARRESTED AT COIMBATORE INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT FLYING FROM SHARJHA**

Officer of DRI Coimbatore Regional Unit, on specific intelligence that one person travelling from Dubai to Coimbatore is attempting to smuggle gold through a novel way by way of concealment. The officers mounted surveillance on the pax traveling by Air Arabia G9 413 airlines to carry gold by using the novel method, the suspected pax was intercepted by the CBE.

The pax found carrying a single piece of stepped solid cylinder and the said metallic item completely moulded was weighing about 13.6 kilo and to the surprise of the officers it was a part of the steel rolling mill.

The pax told that he had got it to get the thing polished and get some other job work done on it. However, the pax appeared to be a frequently travelling and appear to be a potential carrier / smuggler and also that the cylindrical object was an absolute solid single piece without any markings of fabrications on it. The officers decided to detain the goods and subject it to various tests and that there is a likelihood of existence of some other material deep inside the cylinder and the thickness of the wall of the cylinder would be around 15-20 mm.

Subsequently on drilling a hole into the cylinder along its horizontal axis by subjecting it to lathe turning, after the drill penetrated around 6 inches, the metal stopped curving out of the drill hole and instead fine sand oozed out. Subsequently, the thick cylinder of Dia 100 mm was cut open after machining to find that it was actually a hollow cylinder of wall thickness 15 mm approx. Inside it was the aforesaid gold bars stacked and stuffed with fine Arabian sand.

The officers seized Foreign Marked Gold Bars in the form crude 23x10 tola bars and one 1 kilo bar. The officers are in search of other kingpin who masterminded the smuggling.

The total of 3.675 Kgs of FMG bars/gold pieces and bars were seized valued at ₹ 1.15 Crores.

Sd/-

(Peri Umasankar)

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