

## SEIZURE OF COCAINE WORTH RS 685,000



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), and ADSU, seized 45 grams of Cocaine worth Rs 685,000 at the Parcel Post Office on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. The drug was concealed in the false bottom of a carton box and was sent from Belgium.

The carton box arrived on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017 from Paris and it was addressed to a male hawker residing at Vallée Pitot. The latter turned up at the Parcel Post Office on 02.09.17 to take delivery of the carton box, which was declared as containing '*European Soccer League Play toys*'.

Upon questioning by Officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS), the hawker revealed that his friend had purchased a toy for him from Belgium and he had to collect same at the Parcel Post Office. The Customs Sniffer Dog 'Milo' reacted positively to the drugs and a field test confirmed the crystalline white powder as being cocaine. The suspect is in detention and three other persons were also arrested by ADSU during controlled delivery. The drug was handed over to ADSU for further investigation.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases/ illicit activities to the MRA through the **MRA Stop Drug Platform ([www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu))** or by calling on the **Hotline 8958**.