

PRESS RELEASE

RS. 9 MILLION OF HEROIN SEIZED BY MRA AT SSR AIRPORT

A South African purged 50 pellets of heroin worth Rs. 9,165,000 after landing in Mauritius on Tuesday 07 January, 2020. The male passenger aged 30, was intercepted at SSR International Airport after deplaning Air Mauritius Flight MK852 on the same day. The purged drugs weighed 611 grams.

The passenger was profiled by officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and was questioned while leaving through the Green Channel. His luggage was scanned and nothing incriminating were found.

He was subject to a rigorous questioning exercise during which his body language was found to be very suspicious. His replies were also implausible. He was reasonably suspected to have swallowed illicit substances. He was handed over to ADSU Airport for further enquiry.

Later, the passenger purged 50 pellets of heroin powder weighing 611 grams. Enquiry is in progress.

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) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.

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