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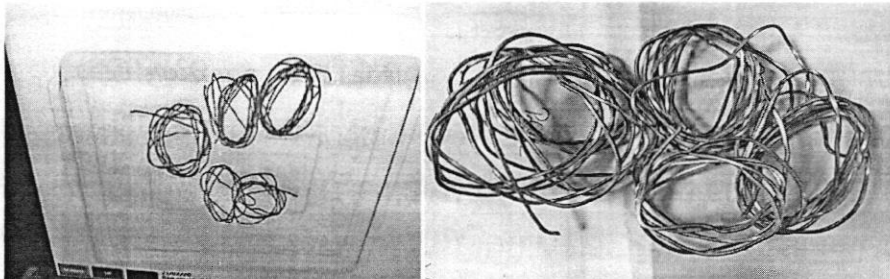
SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Mr. Dharmendra Kumar, aged 24 years (DoB :12.03.1996) residing at Vill Kalyanpur Kasar Majre Rassolpur Bhandra, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212660 (hereinafter referred to as the 'passenger'), holding an Indian Passport No. S5404450 had arrived at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad, by Fly Dubai Airlines flight No. FZ-437 from Dubai to Ahmedabad on 21.02.2020. On the basis of suspicious movement of the passenger, he was intercepted at the exit of the green channel for personal search and examination of his baggage in the presence of panchas.

2. Thereafter, the passenger was asked whether he was carrying any contraband/prohibited goods with him or whether had any dutiable item for declaring before the Customs, to which he denied. The AIU officers asked the passenger to walk through the Door Frame Metal Detector ("DFMD"), prior to walking through the said DFMD, the passenger was asked to remove all metallic substances from his body. Thereafter, he readily removed the wallet, belt, mobile etc. and kept them on the table. After that he was asked to walk through the Door Frame Metal Detector (DFMD) wherein no beep sound was heard from the DFMD.

2.1 Whereas,, the passenger was having one blue trolley bag and one maroon trolley bag as check-in luggage and one green duffel hand bag. He was asked for his baggage claim card which he readily produced. It was ensured that the blue trolley and maroon trolley checked-in bags bearing same numbers as the baggage claim cards i.e. FZ303325 & FZ303326. He was then asked to put his trolley bags and other hand bag through the X-Ray Screening Machine. On screening, both the blue and maroon coloured check-in trolley bags was having some unusual image. The bags showing the unusual X-ray images were having baggage tag as FZ303325 & FZ303326. Thereafter, it was decided to conduct detailed search of all the bags of the passenger. Therefore, the passenger alongwith his bags were taken to the AIU Office located at the Arrival hall Terminal-2, SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad. The officer had first searched the hand bag but nothing adverse was observed. Thereafter, each and every items of the bags bearing tags FZ303325 & FZ303326 were put in the X-Ray screening machine located at green channel however no unusual image was noticed. Then, after scanning all the items of

the bags, the empty bags were scanned in the X-Ray screening machine which showed some unusual black coloured image. Thereafter, the said bags and the items which were in it were brought to the office of Air Intelligence Unit. While checking the empty bags, found metal wire attached breadth wise to the bag which could be detached. In between the metal strip wire was found stuck together with glue. The said metal wire was removed with the help of screw driver and player. The wire was then scratched with the help of a cutter and it showed a yellow coloured metal. The said white coloured metal wire could be gold which may be coated with some other metal. The AIU officer took the photograph of the said white coloured metal wire recovered from the Passenger which is reproduced as under:-



3. Thereafter, the Government Approved Valuer, Shri Kartikey Vasantrai Soni, was called upon by the Officers for examining the authenticity and to ascertain the gold recovered from the passenger in presence of Panchas as well as the passenger, Shri Kartikey Soni tested the said white coloured metal wire which were coated with other metal and confirmed that the same were made up of pure gold. Shri Kartikey Soni prepared the valuation report for the same as detailed in **Annexure-A** to this Panchnama dated 21.02.2020. As per the valuation report Annexure-A, white coloured metal wire was white rhodium coated Gold having purity 999.0, totally **weighing 484.500 Grams**, valued at **Rs.17,84,607/- (Rs. Seventeen Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seven Only-Tariff Value)** and **Rs. 21,00,308/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Three Hundred and Eight Only-Local Market Value)** which has been calculated as per the Notification No.15/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 20.02.2020 (Exchange Rate) and Notification No.13/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 14.02.2020 (Gold Rate).

4. Whereas, white coloured metal wire was white rhodium coated Gold having purity 999.0, totally **weighing 484.500 Grams**, valued at **Rs.17,84,607/- (Rs. Seventeen Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred And Seven Only-Tariff Value)** And **Rs. 21,00,308/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Three Hundred And Eight Only-Local Market Value)** recovered from the said passenger was attempted to be smuggled into India with an intent to evade payment of Customs duty, which is clear violation of the provisions of Customs Act, 1962. Thus, the AIU officers have a reasonable belief that the said gold which was attempted to be smuggled in form of Raw Gold by way of concealment in the bags is liable for confiscation as per the provisions of Customs Act, 1962; and hence, the same is being placed under seizure under Panchnama proceedings dated 21.02.2020.