

## BORDER PROTECTION

# HEROIN WORTH RS. 2.7 MILLION SEIZED

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Department intercepted a Mauritian passenger at the SSR Airport on Wednesday 07 November 2018 with suspected drugs, worth nearly Rs. 2.7 million, stuffed in his private parts. The 43 year-old male passenger deplaned from the MK 219 flight from Reunion Island and he was questioned by MRA Customs Officers following a profiling exercise in the Green Channel. As per his travel documents, he had an exit visa for Johannesburg dated 27 October 2018 and he revealed that he was not allowed to board the flight in South Africa because he had reached the airport late. He, therefore, took a flight to Reunion Island and he returned to Mauritius on Wednesday 07 November 2018.

His luggage was searched and nothing abnormal was found. As the resident of Cité La Cure was unconvincing in his replies to the Customs Officers, he was subject to a body search and he was, thereafter, handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation. After a medical check-up at the hospital, he purged 11 pellets of 180 grams containing a powder suspected to be heroin. The passenger is under arrest.

**Suspected drug cases/ illicit activities may be reported to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform ([www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline on 8958.**