

## **MRA seizes cannabis worth above Rs 6 Million**



**The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 5.56 kg of cannabis with a market value of Rs 6,672,000 at the SSR International Airport. Two Indian nationals and one Mauritian citizen have been arrested.**

On the morning of Saturday, March 1, 2025, the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) intercepted a female passenger while she was leaving the Green Channel. The passenger had traveled from Mumbai to Bangkok and then returned to Mumbai before undertaking a trip to Mauritius.

Her luggage was scanned. The images revealed some abnormalities. The passenger was then directed to the Customs counter for a physical examination of the content of her luggage.

Two rectangular parcels were retrieved from her hand-carried bag. When questioned about the content of the parcels, she stated that they contained cookies for her vacation.

Both parcels were slightly cut open and found to contain dry leaf matter, suspected to be cannabis.

The passenger was traveling with her fiancé on the same flight. He had made the same itinerary as the female passenger (India-Thailand-India-Mauritius).

MRA CANS officers identified the fiancé, who was subsequently intercepted and had his luggage scanned.

Again, the scanned images showed some abnormalities. After examination, two similar rectangular parcels were found. Both parcels were opened and found to be similar to the two previous parcels retrieved from the female passenger.

Upon questioning, both passengers stated that a male individual had given them the bags containing the two parcels to be delivered to someone in Mauritius.

A field test for cannabis was carried out on the parcels and yielded a positive result.

K-9 Dog “Rula” was deployed on the parcels and reacted positively.

Both passengers were then handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further inquiries, along with all their personal belongings and travel documents.

Following a controlled delivery exercise by ADSU, a male Mauritian national, traveling on the same flight, was arrested.

A Police inquiry 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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.***