

MRA FOILS DRUG SMUGGLING ATTEMPT:

COCAINE WORTH RS 18.3 MILLION SEIZED AT SSR AIRPORT

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), through its Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS), has successfully thwarted a drug smuggling attempt, leading to the seizure of 99 pellets of cocaine with an estimated street value of Rs 18.3 million at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport on 14 April 2026.

The operation was carried out following the interception of a female passenger of Bolivian nationality by MRA CANS officers, in close collaboration with the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), as she attempted to exit via the Green Channel.

Following sustained questioning, the passenger admitted to having ingested drug pellets. She was immediately handed over to the ADSU and escorted to hospital, where medical procedures enabled the recovery of 99 pellets of cocaine, with a total weight of approximately 1.22 kilograms.

A police enquiry is ongoing.

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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