

Regarding Gold loan

**SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM (SIVAGANGA):** Sir, gold is one of the most preferred asset classes for Indians and many Indians take loans against gold. But a recent directive from the RBI has made this process difficult. When people take loans against gold from banks, all they had to do was only to pay the interest regularly and renew the loan. But, now, what the RBI has said is in order to renew the loan, for one day, you must redeem the entire gold by paying the principal and then come back the next day, pledge the gold and again renew the loan. The whole purpose is defeated because the people have to go to the private financiers for that one day to get the loan closed and then to renew it.

So, I would urge the Finance Ministry and the RBI to withdraw this directive and allow people to renew their loans as they are paying their interest on time.

**14.01 hrs** (Shri Dilip Saikia *in the Chair*)