

Regarding need for inquiry into reported theft of gold in Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple in Kerala-Laid

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I wish to bring to the notice of the Government the serious concern over the reported theft of gold from the gold-plated copper panels of the Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple. Sabarimala is a place of great religious and cultural importance, and any irregularity in handling its assets must be taken very seriously. Many questions remain about how this theft happened and the amount involved. I would also like to point out that similar incidents have occurred in other Devaswom-managed pilgrim centers in Kerala, highlighting the need to review security and management in all such temples. To maintain public trust, it is important that the investigation is transparent, impartial, and free from any influence. I, therefore, request the Union Government to consider involving central investigative agencies to ensure a thorough and unbiased inquiry. This will help uncover the truth, ensure accountability, and protect the faith and trust that millions of devotees place in the Sabarimala Temple.