## In Moscow two criminal cases against Indian citizens over evading payment of customs duties on a large scale

Moscow Inter-Regional Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee launched two criminal cases against to citizens of India: Jane Vivek Kumar, 45, and Surdjit Singh, 24. They are suspected of crimes under part 1 of article 194 of the RF Criminal Code (evasion of customs payments collected from natural person committed on a large scale).

According to investigators in the evening of 26 August 2012 Indian citizen Jane Vivek Kumar arrived at the international airport Domodedovo be a flight Doha-Moscow with 62 pieces of jewelry (earrings, rings, pendants, bracelets with brilliants, beryl, citrine, corundum, cultivated pearls, emerald, jewel glass) and 267 various semiprecious stones (corundum, beryl), 329 pieces in all worth 4 million 756 thousand rubles. He took a green corridor of customs control in the international arrivals area. He did understand his obligation to pay customs payments for these things, but did not want to do that. He was not going to show the jewelries, he was transporting in his suitcase, to customs officials, hoping to get to go through customs control unnoticed. However, going through the green corridor he was stopped by a watchful customs inspector, who found expensive "souvenirs" in his luggage. The same way customs officials disclosed on 16 September 2012 Indian citizen Surdjit Singh, who had arrived at the international airport Sheremetyevo by a flight Doha-Moscow. He had 490 pieces of jewelry (beads of chrysoprase, garnet, topaz, jet, labradorite, amethyst, turquoise, lazurite, jewel glass, onyx, citrine, chrysolite) and 7,263 various semiprecious stones (topaz, amethyst, smokestone, citrine, praziolite, garnet, iolite, synthetic sapphire, synthetic ruby, jewel glass, chrysoprase), in all 7,753 pieces worth 4 million 7 thousand rubles. All jewelries were seized from the abovementioned citizens of India and cases against their owners were transferred to investigators. If these facts were not revealed, the treasure of the Russian Federation could have been short 1 million 186 thousand rubles and 1 million 71 thousand rubles respectively of customs payments.

At present a number of investigating operations to establish all the circumstances of the crimes are underway. Investigation of criminal cases is continued.

