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**GOLD IMPORTS AT 700 TN IN 2010**

Gold imports by India, the world's biggest consumer of bullion, may have reached about 700 tonnes in 2010, according to Prithviraj Kothari, president of the Bombay Bullion Association. Purchases in December may have been 25-29 tonnes, unchanged from a year earlier, he said by phone from Mumbai, citing provisional data.

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