

(v) Production of a Bellot or 'Bonnet-Lumiere' show on the life of Buddha.

Further, the concerned State Governments viz., those of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have also been requested to consider the possibility of organising similar celebrations in their respective areas.

Tibetan Research Institute

1973. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Tibetan research institutes, schools and libraries for which the Government give financial assistance, and

(b) whether any assistance is also given for publication of manuscripts/translation work at these institutions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-11302/76].

(b) No, Sir.

Investigation into missing art pieces from Museums

1974. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) number of art pieces still missing from the museums of India;

(b) steps Government have taken to investigate it; and

(c) number of art pieces Government could get back since 1973 for the museum?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A total number of 151 art pieces of different categories, including chopped off fragments of stone sculptures, coins, etc. are still missing from the Central museums and archaeological museums under the control of Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) Besides conducting departmental enquiries by the museum authorities, the thefts have been reported to the police and in some cases to the CBI for investigations.

(c) The Government have got back 67 art pieces for the Central museums and archaeological museums since 1973.

Houses for slum dwellers in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta

1975. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) how many people are living in slums in Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Lucknow, Kanpur, Bangalore, Patna; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to settle them with proper houses?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K RAGHURAM-AIAH): (a) No accurate statistics of population of slums are available. However, a Working Group of the Planning Commission, appointed in 1972 had, on an assessment of slum growth in certain cities with a population of 5 lakhs and above, estimated that about 20 to 25 per cent of the population in cities may be living in slums.

(b) There are two schemes in relation to slums which are being implemented. The first is the Scheme