

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:905  
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000  
HARAPPAN TREASURE  
A. KRISHNASWAMY;RAMDAS ATHAWALE

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India have taken possession of the large scale plundering of treasures including gold coins and onyx jewellery belonging to the Harappan era following its excavation in a U.P. village during May, 2000;
- (b) if so, the other details of the Harappan treasures found there;
- (c) whether any compensation has been given to villagers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) & (b) The Archaeological Survey of India has in its possession a small quantity of the treasure consisting of six gold karas and pieces of silver jewellery voluntarily handed over by villagers of village Mandi. Gold, silver and semi-precious stone items weighing about 10 Kg. were recovered from the site and deposited in the District Treasury at Muzaffarnagar by the State Police.
- (c) & (d) A token pavffient of Rs. 60,0001- has been made to villagers who voluntarily handed over the six gold karas and pieces of silver jewellery. The remaining amount will be paid to them after the determination of the compensation.
- (e) Question does not arise.