

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

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THEFT OF HERITAGE PISTOL

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

- (a) whether the pistol symbolising the historical surrender of the Pakistan forces in the 1971 Bangladesh war has mysteriously disappeared from the National Museum at New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details and facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry for the lapse in security at the museum; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken to prevent such incidents in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d) : On 28th June, 2003 a Pistol from the Maritime Heritage Gallery in National Museum, New Delhi has been reported missing. The case has been reported to Delhi Police for investigation. Immediately after the above incident, the Director General, National Museum reviewed the security with all heads of various Departments of the Museum and the Deputy Commandant of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and has taken steps to tighten the security and prevent recurrence of such incidents.