

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3325
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THEFT OF JAINA IDOLS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Jain idols are being stolen from Jain Temples of historical and archaeological importance from Purulia in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details of the idols stolen during the last three years;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to protect the same?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) & (b) No incident of theft of Jain idols has been reported from centrally protected Temple at Purulia in West Bengal during the last three years.
- (c) & (d) Question does not arise.