

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

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MAINTENANCE OF VALUABLES BY ASI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various historical places like Raj Mahal, Hazarduari, Imam Bara etc. of Murshidabad, former capital of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, have taken over and maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), but the various valuable things which are kept there such as ornaments, paintings, armours of Nawab's family are being maintained by State Government;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering any proposal to bring these valuables under the control of ASI; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) (b) & (c) The historical places namely Hazarduari Palace, South Gate, Imambara, White Mosque, Yellow Mosque and Tripolia Gate in Murshidabad Town were taken over from the State Government and are being maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India along with valuable artifacts kept in Hazarduari Palace. However, religious objects such as Silver Tajiya, Mahi, Bale, Chand, Hyder-e-Alam, Panja, etc. stored in Imambara are in the custody of the State Government.