

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3043

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MANUSCRIPTS OF SGPC

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the invaluable manuscripts/ornaments etc, which were taken over by the Army and some other Central Agencies during Operation Blue Star are still with them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to return the manuscripts to the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC); and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): About 4000 documents/books/files and gold/gold ornaments, silver/silver ornaments, precious stones, currency, coins, etc. were recovered by a Central Agency during the Operation Blue Star. All the articles and documents were handed over either to the SGPC or to the Government of Punjab except a few documents, which were objectionable and thus destroyed and a few others filed in the court.

(c) & (d): There have been allegations that books/manuscripts which were reportedly removed by Indian Army during Operation Blue Star in 1984 have not been restored to the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC), Amritsar. The Ministry of Home Affairs has asked the CBI to enquire into the whereabouts of the allegedly missing manuscripts/books.