

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:581
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009
BELONGINGS OF SHIVAJI MAHARAJ
Pratap Narayanrao Shri Sonawane

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's sword "Bhawani" and other belongings are in possession of foreign Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any measures to bring them back to the country within a stipulated time-frame;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) & (b) Government of India is aware of unconfirmed media reports to this effect.
- (c) to (e) Does not arise.