

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2914  
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ANCIENT HERITAGE ITEMS AUCTIONED  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government had made any efforts to stop the auction of the 12 rare paintings of Gurudev Ravindra Nath Tagore in London; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) There is no legal provision to stop such auctions.