

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BRINGING BACK KOHINOOR AND PEACOCK THRONE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to bring the Kohinoor diamond and the Peacock throne, both part of India's heritage, from England and Iran;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government and the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. These items are not covered even under the UNESCO (UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & CULTURAL ORGANISATION) Convention, 1972 dealing with the restitution of cultural property.
- (e): Does not arise.