

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS  
Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several important manuscripts pertaining to the country's history and culture are lying in museums of foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to bring back the said valuable manuscripts to the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. However, no details of manuscripts are available with the Government.

(c) The National Mission for Manuscripts has included the programme of "Acquisition of copies of Indian manuscripts held abroad" in its plan of action for the year 2012-2013.