

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RECOVERY OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many valuable historical artifacts which were taken away before independence are still in the possession of the United Kingdom (U.K.) Government;
- (b) if so, the details of such artifacts;
- (c) whether any archaeological survey on the basis of our historical reference has been conducted recently in this regard;;
- (d) whether the Government has constituted a Committee to identify the artifacts to be brought back from the U.K.; and
- (e) if so, the action plan of the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Culture (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Details of such artifacts are not available with Archaeological Survey of India.
- (c) & (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.