

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6864  
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2013  
AUCTION OF PINK DIAMOND  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that a Pink Diamond which once belonged to the Nizam of Hyderabad, is to be auctioned in New York; and

(b) if so, the steps, if any, taken by the Government to bring back the pink diamond?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) Media reports indicate that a Pink Diamond nicknamed "Princie Diamond", reportedly once owned by the Nizam of Hyderabad, was auctioned vide Sale Number 2694 of Christie's in New York on 16 April 2013 for USD 39.3 million, and was purchased by an anonymous collector.

(b) Government has not taken any steps in this regard.