

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4342
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THEFT AND SMUGGLING OF SCULPTURES AND ANTIQUE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of theft cases of sculptures reported from each State/Union Territory during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the smuggling of rare sculptures to other countries have also been reported during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of staff/officers involved in above cases and the action initiated against them?

Answer

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

- (a) Nine cases of theft of sculptures have been reported from the centrally protected monuments/sites in the country during last three years. Details at annexure- I.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) & (d) Does not arise.