

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:774

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013

SWORD BHAWANI IN POSSESSION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Pratap Narayanrao Shri Sonawane

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

- (a) whether the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's sword called "Bhawani" and other related belongings are in the possession of the British Government;
- (b) if so, whether any archaeological evidence/historical references are available in our country in this regard;
- (c) if so, whether any meeting/discussion has been held with the British High Commission to bring the said items back to India;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any decision to declare the Chhatrapati Shivaji's sword 'Bhawani' as a national property; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government/ Archaeological Survey of India to bring back the sword 'Bhawani' into the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT.CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.