

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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THEFT CASES IN MUSEUMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a number of priceless antique artefacts are kept in open air in different museums of the country.
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor
- (c) The number of cases of theft in these museums as reported during the last five years, year-wise and museum-wise
- (d) Whether the Government proposes to formulate new guidelines to preserve/prevent these antiques from dust/ theft; and
- (e) If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes, Sir
- (b) Museum-wise details of artefacts kept in the open air alongwith reason thereof is at Annexure – A
- (c) No case of theft has been reported from the Government Museums. However, three cases of theft were reported in respect of site museums of Archaeological Site Museum at Hazarduari Palace Museum, Murshidabad (West Bengal) in 2010, Indian War Memorial Museum, Red Fort (Delhi), in December, 2012 and Residency Museum, Lucknow (UP) in January, 2010.
- (d) Yes; Sir
- (e) A 8 - member Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Administrator, National Museum, for review- ing the security requirements and parameters with respect to various museums under the Ministry of Culture and Archaeo- logical Survey of India and for framing a comprehensive Secu- rity Policy for implementation in all the Museums uniformly.