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Title: Reported increase in incidents of theft of antiques in the country.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Sir, it is a matter of great concern and anguish that we have not been able to protect and safeguard the memorabilia and noble medallion belonging to Rabindra Nath Tagore. Not even a single article of the booty has yet been recovered.

Sir, it has been reported that the construction and other programmes, destroying the environment --which was conceived as ideal by the great poet, have been going on in connivance with the local administration. Even the manuscripts are being taken by the scholars as away as Kolkatta and are being returned at convenience.

I would submit that because it is a central university, the upkeep of this university is incumbent upon the Central Government. So, the Central Government should deploy adequate security personnel to protect the environment and to protect the piece of Rabindra Nath Tagore.