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Title: Need to bring back rare Buddhist scriptures from British Museum, London.

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN (RAJAHMUNDRY): Madam Speaker, than you for giving me an opportunity to raise an important matter during the Zero Hour.

The State of Andhra Pradesh has decided to establish its Capital `Amravati' in Guntur district. Amaravati region is known for its rich history culture, art and architecture including the famous Amaravati *Stupa*

In this context, I would like to bring to the notice of the Union Government through this august House that some Buddhist sculpture were shifted in the past from Amaravati to the British Museum, London (1857-1879) and the Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai (1879-1950) . The State Government intends to bring back these precious heritage items and place them in the proposed State museum at Amaravati.

In this regard, the hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandra Babu Naidu has already requested the hon. Union Minister for External Affairs in the month of October, 2015, to use her good offices to impress upon the Government of U.K. to return the above items from the British Museum to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to enable us to showcase our heritage in the new capital city, Amaravati.

I would, therefore, earnestly request the Union Government and the hon. Minister for External Affairs to consider the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for return of the artifacts from the British Museum at the earliest possible.

HON. SPEAKER: Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri M. Murl Mohan.