

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.89
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018

KOHINOOR DIAMOND

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken efforts to bring back the priceless Indian antiquities including Kohinoor diamond which were taken by colonial masters and invaders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any antiquities have been retrieved from other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof till 2017?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (d) Mindful of the sentiments that have been expressed by the Indian public and the Parliament, the Ministry of External Affairs after getting the relevant information from the Archaeological Survey of India under the Ministry of Culture has time and again raised the matter about the return of the Kohinoor and other antiquities with the relevant authorities abroad.

Government is continuing to explore ways and means for obtaining a satisfactory resolution of the matter.

According to the Archaeological Survey of India, list of antiquities received between 1976 and 2017 is given at Annexure A.

ANNEXURE-A

Retrieved Indian Antiquities from Abroad from 1976 to 2017

SN	Description of object	State	Country from which retrieved	Date/ year of Retrieval	Present location
1.	Sawn stucco Head	Nalanda, Bihar	U.K. and France	1976	Patna Circle
2.	Painting	Chandigarh Museum	U.S.A	1979	Chandigarh Museum
3.	Nataraja of Chola period	Sivapuram Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	1986	Tamil Nadu Government
4.	Terracotta Yakashi of Tamluk	West Bengal	U.K.	1986	CAC, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
5.	Nataraja of Chola period	Tiruvilakkadi, Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	1986	
6.	Nataraja of Chola period	Pathur, Tamil Nadu	U.K.	1991	Tamil Nadu Government
7.	Terracotta figures from Bhitargaon	Utter Pradesh	U.S.A	1991	CAC, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
8.	Amin pillars	Amin, Haryana	U.K	1979-80	National Museum, New Delhi
9.	Image of Buddha	Bodhgaya, Bihar	U.S.A	1999	CAC, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
10.	Sculpture of Krishnanjanma	Dhubela Museum Chattarpur (M.P.)	U.S.A	1999	Dhubela Museum, Chattarpur (M.P)
11.	Paintings	i) Chandigarh Museum	U.S.A	1990	Chandigarh Museum
12.	Image of Lakulisa	Jageswar	U.S.A	2000	CAC, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
13.	Decorative Wooden panels (7 nos.)	Rajasthan	Holland	2001	CAC, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
14.	Yogini Vrishanana	----	Paris	2013	National Museum
15.	Nataraja	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
16.	Ardhanareeswar	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	Under the custody of .Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
17.	Parrot Lady	Madhya Pradesh	Canada	2015	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi

18.	Durga (Mahishmardini)	J&K	Germany	2015	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
19.	Uma Parameshwari	Tamil Nadu	Singapore	2015	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
20.	Bronze image of Saint Manikkavachaka	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
21.	Metal image of Ganesha	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
22.	Terracotta Female Figure (Honolulu Museum)	Mauryan period Central India	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
23.	Male Deity (Honolulu Museum)	Madhya Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
24.	Floral Tile, Harvan	Kashmir	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
25.	Sri Devi, Chola Period	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
26.	Metal image of Bahubali	Andhra Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
27.	Metal image of Parvati	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
28.	Metal image of Bhoodevi	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
29.	Metal image of Chakkarathalwar	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
30.	Seated Buddha	Mathura region, Uttar Pradesh	Australia	2016	National Muséum New Delhi
31.	Panel of Devotees of Buddha	Andhra Pradesh	Australia	2016	National Museum New Delhi
32.	Stone image Pratyangira	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2016	National Museum New Delhi
33.	Sand Stone Male Figure in Tribhanga Posture	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
34.	Sand Stone Bust of a Female	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
35.	Sand Stone broken Figure	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi

36.	Stone image of Durga	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
37.	Damaged Sand Stone image of Nataraja in dancing posture.	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
38.	Mutilated Sand Stone Panel depicting two male Figures (<i>vidhyadharas</i>).	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
39.	Stone image of a couple (<i>mithuna</i>) figure carved under a niche from Atru, Rajasthan.	Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
40.	Stone image of a couple (<i>mithuna</i>) Figure from Atru, Rajasthan.	Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
41.	Stone sculpture of Brahma and Brahamani	Gujarat	U.K.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
