

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1379
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

REPATRIATION OF ARTEFACTS

1379. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) the number of stolen antiques and historic artefacts that were repatriated back to the country during each of the last five years from various countries, country-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government took action against antique dealers responsible for the theft during the said period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the number of antique dealers extradited to the country during the said period, country-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF
STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

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- (a) Detail of the antiquities stolen from centrally protected monuments during last five years are attached in Annexure -1. Antiquities retrieved back to the country during each of last five years from various countries are attached herewith as Annexure -2.
- (b) The ASI does not have its own enforcing agency and such action is taken from various enforcing agencies of respective state from where antiquities are stolen.
- (c) Subhash Chandra Kapoor a U.S. Citizen was extradited from Germany.

ANNEXURE I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
QUESTION NO. 1379 FOR 11. 02. 2019****Year-wise list of stolen antiquities from centrally protected monuments****Year-2014**

Sl. No.	State	Name of Monument/Sites & District	Name of object	Date of theft	Action taken	Status
1.	Bihar	Rukmani Sthan, Jagdishpur, Nalanda	One headless Buddha in sitting posture stone Statue	31.01.2014	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
2.	Karnataka	Panchalingeswara Temple, Govindanahalli, District -Mandya,	Stone sculpture of eight armed <i>Mahishamardini</i>	07.03.2014	F.I.R. lodged	Yet to be recovered
3.	Karnataka	Shiva temple, Thimmalapur, Hospet taluk, Bellary Dist, Karnataka	Stone Shivalinga	Intervening night of 18 th -19.06.2014	F.I.R. lodged	Yet to be recovered
4.	Gujarat	Vitthalbhai Haveli at Vso, Dist. Kheda	Two wooden carved Brackets	23.6.2014	F.I.R. lodged	Recovered
5.	Karnataka	Ramalingaeswara temple complex Avani, Mulbangal taluk, Kolar district.	Stone Nandi	Intervening night of 18-19.07.2014	F.I.R. lodged	Yet to be recovered.
6.	Bihar	Jain Temple Rajgir	Stone image of Jain Tirthanker (Mahavira)	Intervening night of 30-31.07.2014	F.I.R. lodged	Yet to be recovered
7.	Karnataka	Nageswar temple, Mosale, Hassan taluk, Hassan district	Stone Sculptures of Mahisasuramardini and Sarasawati	Intervening night of 13-14.09.2014	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered

Year 2015

Sl. No.	State	Name of Monument/Sites & District	Name of object	Date of theft	Action taken	Status
1.	Karnataka	Bhimesheshwara temple at Neelgunda, Harappanahalli Taluk, Davangere district,	Stone image of Yaksha sculpture	26 .4. 2015	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered

2.	Orissa	Varahanatha temple, Jajpur, Orrisa, a centrally protected monument.	Sculpture of Trivikrama (Locally called Bali)	18 .5. 2015	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
3.	Karnataka	Bhoganandiswara temple at Nand, Chikkaballapur Talkuk Chikkaballapur District,	Black stone kalsha	16.9.2015	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
4.	Maharashtra	Sculpture Shed near Aam Khas Gate, Daulatabad Fort, District-Aurangabad	12 number of the objects including Sculptures/necklaces/arms/amulet	16.9. 2015	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
5.	Bihar	The theft of one black stone sculpture form Jain Temple, Vaibhar, Rajgir, Patna.	One stone image of Mahavira Sculpture	Intervening night of 22 & 23.11.2015	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
6.	Orrisa	Chandrasekhar temple, Kapilas	Stone sculpture of Bhairawa Ganesh and Kaumari	Intervening night 25/26.11.2015	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
7	Maharashtra	Kasa Fort, Dist-Raigad, Maharashtra	Canon	05.12.2015.	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered

Year 2016

Sl. No.	State	Name of Monument/Sites & District	Name of object	Date of theft	Action taken	Status
1.	Rajasthan	Ancient Ruins Kalyanpur, Distt. Udaipur	2 Stone sculpture of Shiva & Parvati, Lakulish,	Intervening night of 3 rd & 4 th Feb. 2016.	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
2.	Chattisgarh	Bhairavbaba temple, Dantewada and ruined temple, Jiyapara District-South Bastar Dantewada	2 stone sculpture of Bhairava	Intervening night of 6 th & 7 th July, 2016.	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Kumaraarama Bhimeswara Swamy temple, Samalkot Mandal of East Godavari District	Stone image of Nandi idol	Intervening night of 24 th & 25 th November 2016	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered

4.	Karnataka	Ramalingeswara temple complex Avani, Mulbagali taluk, Kolar district	Stone sculpture of Ganesha	Intervening night of 26 th & 27 th November 2016	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered
5	Andhra Pradesh	Veerabhadra Temple, Motupalle, Chinaganjam Mandal, Prakasam Disatrick	Stone Sculpture of Nandi	Intervening night of 12 th -13 th 2016	F.I.R. Lodged	Recovered

Year 2017

Sl. No.	State	Name of Monument/Sites & District	Name of object	Date of theft	Action taken	Status
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Anadavalli Ammavaru Temple, Parasurameshwara Swamy Complex, Gudimallam, Chittoor.	Stone sculpture of Nandi	03.11.2017.	F.I.R. Lodged	Yet to be recovered

Year 2018

No theft of any antiquity has been reporting during the year 2018 from any centrally protect monument.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
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Retrieved Indian Antiquities from Foreign Countries from 2014 to 2018 (Five years)

Sl.No.	Name	State	From	Year	Under the custody
1.	Nataraja	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
2.	Ardhanareeswar	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	-do-
3.	Parrot Lady	Madhya Pradesh	Canada	2015	Archaeological Museum, Khajuraho, MP
4.	Durga (Mahishmardini)	J&K	Germany	2015	SPS Museum Sri Nagar, J&K
5.	Uma Parameshwari	Tamil Nadu	Singapore	2015	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
6.	Bronze image of Saint Manikkavachaka	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
7.	Metal image of Ganesha	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
8.	Terracotta Female Figure (Honolulu Museum)	Mauryan period Central India	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
9.	Male Deity (Honolulu Museum)	Madhya Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
10.	Floral Tile, Harvan	Kashmir	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
11.	Sri Devi, Chola Period	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
12.	Metal image of Bahubali	Andhra Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	PMO
13.	Metal image of Parvati	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
14.	Terracotta Plaque	West Bengal	U.S.A	2016	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
15.	Metal image of Bhoodevi	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
16.	Metal image of Chakkarathalwar	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
17.	Seated Buddha	Mathura region, Uttar Pradesh	Australia	2016	National Museum New Delhi
18.	Panel of Devotees of Buddha	Andhra Pradesh	Australia	2016	National Museum New Delhi
19.	Stone image Pratyangira	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2016	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
20.	Sand Stone Male Figure in Tribhanga Posture	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi

21.	Sand Stone Bust of a Female	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
22.	Sand Stone broken Figure	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
23.	Stone image of Durga	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
24.	Damaged Sand Stone image of Nataraja in dancing posture.	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
25.	Mutilated Sand Stone Panel depicting two male Figures (<i>vidhyadharas</i>)	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
26.	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
27.	Stone image of a couple (<i>mithuna</i>) Figure from Atru, Rajasthan.	Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
28.	Stone sculpture of Brahma and Brahamani	Gujarat	U.K.	2017	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
29.	Durga Mahishasurmardini	Uttarakhand	USA MET Museum	2018	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
30.	Bodhisattva Head	Andhra Pradesh	USA MET Museum	2018	Nagarjunakonda Museum, Andhra Pradesh
31.	Broanzen image of seated Buddha	Nalanda, Bihar	UK	2019	The image is still in the custody of the DRI, New Delhi and will be handed to ASI shortly