

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1768
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022**

Retrieval of artifacts from abroad

1768. Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) details of artifacts that the hon. Prime Minister has brought recently from the United States;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government is following up to retrieve artifacts from various countries of the world, including United Kingdom;
- (c) if so, the details of artifacts identified languishing in museums of various countries, country-wise, and efforts being made to retrieve them; and
- (d) steps being taken/proposed to take to prevent the smuggling of artifacts out of the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) Details are at Annexure.
- (b) to (c) Yes, Sir. All the Missions have been directed to be in active touch with the Government there so as to look out for any artifact of Indian origin that can be brought back to India.
- (d) Government is committed towards protection and safeguard of antiquities. At centrally protected monuments and sites, watch and ward staff have been deployed and their strength has been augmented by deploying private security guards and Central Industrial Security Force. Information on any incidence of theft is shared with Central Bureau of Investigation and Customs authorities. Officials of Archaeological Survey of India also assist the Custom officials at Custom exit channels to prevent smuggling of antiquities and also to verify antiquities brought for export.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply for part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 1768 for 17/03/2022:
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Details of 157 antiquities retrieved from USA

SL. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ANTIQUITY
1.	Lingodhbhava
2.	Manjushri
3.	Painting depicting <i>Rasikapriya from the SamdehiRagini</i>
4.	Buddhist Votive Plaque
5.	Bull
6.	Torso of a woman
7.	Erotic Plaque
8.	Fertility Goddess figure
9.	Erotic Plaque
10.	Buddhist Votive Plaque
11.	Cross Plaque
12.	Humped bull
13.	Monkey Figure
14.	Monkey on crocodile
15.	Circular Plaque Fertility Goddess
16.	Plaque of standing figure
17.	Yakshi and Bird
18.	Man Riding Animal
19.	Plaque of Two figures
20.	Standing Yakshi
21.	Plaque with figure
22.	Plaque of Yakshi
23.	Pair of Deer
24.	Erotic Plaque
25.	Square Plaque
26.	Fertility Plaque
27.	Fertility Goddess sitting with star
28.	Plaque with two figures (Mithuna)
29.	Plaque of Erotic couple
30.	Female figurine
31.	Plaque of Buffalo in water and Tiger
32.	Erotic Couple
33.	Erotic Plaque
34.	Erotic Couple Plaque
35.	Pendent (painted on all side)
36.	Erotic Plaque

37.	Erotic Plaque
38.	Erotic Plaque
39.	Yakshi
40.	Pitche
41.	Head
42.	Bird with wheels
43.	Terracotta mould:
44.	Female figurine
45.	Head
46.	Female Head
47.	Seated mother Goddess
48.	Yakshi plaque
49.	Rattle of Kubera
50.	Yaksha
51.	Kubera or Yaksha
52.	Bowl
53.	Head
54.	Head
55.	Two Bulls
56.	Cow
57.	Standing Monkey
58.	Head
59.	Bull with two Humps
60.	Buddha
61.	Copper Plates with Qur'anic verses
62.	Buddha head (Broken) Terracotta
63.	Stele of Varaha
64.	Sword
65.	Sculpture of Goddess
66.	Standing sculpture of Vishnu
67.	Chauri Bearer with devotees
68.	Bodhisattva Manjushri (?)
69.	Umā Maheshvara
70.	Tirthankara
71.	Couple
72.	Revanta Panel
73.	Nataraja
74.	Jain shrine with twenty-four Jainas.
75.	Tirthankaras.
76.	Vishnu
77.	Head
78.	Female deity
79.	Twenty four Tirthankaras
80.	A male deity, flanked by two consorts
81.	Amorous Couple

82.	Brahma (?)
83.	A bust of male figure Bodhisattva Maitreya(?)
84.	Surya
85.	Female deity (Parvati)
86.	Female figure of devotee
87.	Buddha in standing posture
88.	Dakshinamurti
89.	Nandikesa
90.	Buddha
91.	Vase
92.	Male figure
93.	Male Bust
94.	Buddha Head
95.	Panel depicting Vishnu in a battle scene (?)
96.	Female figure, probably a Shalabhanjika
97.	Ardhanarisvara
98.	Panel showing Vishnu and his consort
99.	Torso of a male figure
100.	Vishnu
101.	Vishnu
102.	Lingodbhava
103.	Female deity
104.	Torso of a male figure Bodhisattva(?)
105.	Two male figures standing on a corner stone
106.	Shiva
107.	Vishnu
108.	Durga
109.	Padmapani (?)
110.	Plaque with a female figure
111.	Plaque with a female figure
112.	Dakshinamurty Shiva
113.	Uma Maheshvara
114.	Terracotta tile depicting a pair of deer
115.	Plaque showing a male and a female figure
116.	Vase
117.	Vishnu
118.	Brahmāni (?)
119.	Uma Maheshwar
120.	Durga
121.	Female figure
122.	Goddess Parvati
123.	Bodhisattva(?)
124.	Female figure.
125.	Surya
126.	Balakrishna

127.	Bust of a female
128.	Anthropomorph
129.	Manjushri (?)
130.	Lakshmi Narayana
131.	Standing Buddha
132.	Female playing drum
133.	Seated Divine figure
134.	Buddha Head
135.	Balakrishna
136.	Nataraja
137.	Bikshātana Murti
138.	Vishnu
139.	Uma Maheshwara
140.	Vishnu
141.	Jaina Choubisi
142.	Balakrishna
143.	Panel of Mahavira, with twelve other Tirthankaras
144.	Jaina Choubisi
145.	Male deity (unidentified)
146.	Male deity
147.	Brahmāni
148.	Jaina Choubisi
149.	Female deity (?)
150.	Male deity
151.	Uma Mahesvara
152.	Dancing Ganesha
153.	Chāmundā
154.	Kankālamurti
155.	Nandikeshvara
156.	Siva and Pārvati
157.	Vishnu