

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 18**  
**ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022**

**Status of stolen antiquities from Odisha**

**\*18. Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of antiquities that have been untraceable/stolen/missing from the ASI controlled structures in Odisha;
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry to recover those antiquities;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is non-adherence to the verification of the antiquities every year in Odisha by the ASI; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply parts (a) to (d) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 18 for reply on 08.12.2022 regarding status of stolen antiquities from Odisha asked by Shri Sujeet Kumar.**

- (a): 6 nos. of antiquities have been reported stolen till date from the ASI controlled structures in Odisha.
- (b): To recover the stolen antiquities from the ASI controlled structures in Odisha, a First Information Report (FIR) has been lodged. Other enforcement agencies have also been requested to keep a strict vigil in respect of these reported antiquities.
- (c)&(d): Physical verification of antiquities lying under the jurisdiction of the ASI, Bhubaneswar Circle at different sites, monuments, and Archaeological Museums is carried out regularly. Last verification was done in July, 2021.

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