

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-238
ANSWERED ON- 10/08/2023

RECOVERY OF STOLEN INDIAN ARTEFACTS

***238. Dr. Laxmikant Bajpayee**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that number of stolen Indian antiquities have been brought back to India during the last two decades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (c) the list of idols and the countries from where they have been brought back during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

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

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 238 for reply on 10.08.2023 regarding Recovery of stolen Indian artifacts asked by Dr. Laxmikant Bajpayee

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Total 324 antiquities have been brought back during 2003-2023. Country-wise list is given at 'ANNEXURE-I'.

(c): Total 291 antiquities have been retrieved since 2020. List of antiquities is given at 'ANNEXURE-II'.

ANNEXURE I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART- (a) & (b) RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 238

Country-wise detail of the Antiquities brought back to India during 2003-2023

Year	Country	No. of Antiquity
2003-12	-	-
2013	France	01
2014	Australia	02
2015	Canada	01
	Germany	01
	Singapore	01
2016	USA	11
	Australia	03
2017	USA	08
	UK	01
2018	USA	02
2019	UK	01
	Australia	01
2020	Australia	03
	UK	05
2021	UK	01
	Canada	01
	USA	157
2022	Australia	29
	UK	01
2023	Australia	02
	UK	07
	USA	85
Total - 324		

ANNEXURE II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART- (c) RAJYA SABHA STARRED
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List of Antiquities Retrieved during 2020-2023

SL. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ANTIQUITY	COUNTRY FROM WHICH RETRIEVED	YEAR OF RETRIEVAL
1.	Nagaraja (The serpent King) Stone sculpture	Australia	2020
2.	(a) Dwarpala, stone sculpture	Australia	2020
3.	(b) Dwarpala, stone sculpture	Australia	2020
4.	Lime stone relief	U.K.	2020
5.	Stone sculpture of Shiva (Nataraja)	U.K.	2020
6.	Metal idol of Rama	UK	2020
7.	Metal idol of Laxamana	UK	2020
8.	Metal idol of Sita	UK	2020
9.	Navaneetha Krishna	UK	2021
10.	Annapoorna	Canada	2021
11.	Lingodhbhava	U.S.A.	2021
12.	Manjushri	U.S.A.	2021
13.	Painting depicting <i>Rasikapriya from the SamdehiRagini</i>	U.S.A.	2021
14.	Buddhist Votive Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
15.	Bull	U.S.A.	2021
16.	Torso of a woman	U.S.A.	2021
17.	Erotic Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
18.	Fertility Goddess figure	U.S.A.	2021
19.	Erotic Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
20.	Buddhist Votive Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
21.	Cross Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
22.	Humped bull	U.S.A.	2021
23.	Monkey Figure	U.S.A.	2021
24.	Monkey on crocodile	U.S.A.	2021
25.	Circular Plaque Fertility Goddess	U.S.A.	2021
26.	Plaque of standing figure	U.S.A.	2021
27.	Yakshi and Bird	U.S.A.	2021
28.	Man Riding Animal	U.S.A.	2021
29.	Plaque of Two figures	U.S.A.	2021
30.	Standing Yakshi	U.S.A.	2021
31.	Plaque with figure	U.S.A.	2021
32.	Plaque of Yakshi	U.S.A.	2021
33.	Pair of Deer	U.S.A.	2021
34.	Erotic Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
35.	Square Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
36.	Fertility Plaque	U.S.A.	2021
37.	Fertility Goddess sitting with star	U.S.A.	2021
38.	Plaque with two figures (Mithuna)	U.S.A.	2021
39.	Plaque of Erotic couple	U.S.A.	2021
40.	Female figurine	U.S.A.	2021

41.	Plaque of Buffalo in water and Tiger	U.S.A	2021
42.	Erotic Couple	U.S.A	2021
43.	Erotic Plaque	U.S.A	2021
44.	Erotic Couple Plaque	U.S.A	2021
45.	Pendent (painted on all side	U.S.A	2021
46.	Erotic Plaque	U.S.A	2021
47.	Erotic Plaque	U.S.A	2021
48.	Erotic Plaque	U.S.A	2021
49.	Yakshi	U.S.A	2021
50.	Pitcher	U.S.A	2021
51.	Head	U.S.A	2021
52.	Bird with wheels	U.S.A	2021
53.	Terracotta mould	U.S.A	2021
54.	Female figurine	U.S.A	2021
55.	Head	U.S.A	2021
56.	Female Head	U.S.A	2021
57.	Seated mother Goddess	U.S.A	2021
58.	Yakshi plaque	U.S.A	2021
59.	Rattle of Kubera	U.S.A	2021
60.	Yaksha	U.S.A	2021
61.	Kubera or Yaksha	U.S.A	2021
62.	Bowl	U.S.A	2021
63.	Head	U.S.A	2021
64.	Head	U.S.A	2021
65.	Two Bulls	U.S.A	2021
66.	Cow	U.S.A	2021
67.	Standing Monkey	U.S.A	2021
68.	Head	U.S.A	2021
69.	Bull with two Humps	U.S.A	2021
70.	Buddha	U.S.A	2021
71.	Copper Plates with Qur'anic verses	U.S.A	2021
72.	Buddha head (Broken) Terracott	U.S.A	2021
73.	Stele of Varaha	U.S.A	2021
74.	Sculpture of Goddess	U.S.A	2021
75.	Standing sculpture of Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
76.	Chauri Bearer with devotees	U.S.A	2021
77.	Bodhisattva Manjushri (?)	U.S.A	2021
78.	UmāMaheshvara	U.S.A	2021
79.	Thirthankara	U.S.A	2021
80.	Couple	U.S.A	2021
81.	Revanta Panel	U.S.A	2021
82.	Nataraja	U.S.A	2021
83.	Jain shrine with twenty-four Jainas.	U.S.A	2021
84.	Tirthankaras.	U.S.A	2021
85.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
86.	Head	U.S.A	2021
87.	Female deity	U.S.A	2021
88.	Twenty four Tirthankaras	U.S.A	2021
89.	A male deity, flanked by two consorts	U.S.A	2021
90.	Amorous Couple	U.S.A	2021

91.	Brahma (?)	U.S.A	2021
92.	A bust of male figure Bodhisattva Maitreya(?)	U.S.A	2021
93.	Surya	U.S.A	2021
94.	Female deity (Parvati)	U.S.A	2021
95.	Female figure of devotee	U.S.A	2021
96.	Buddha in standing posture	U.S.A	2021
97.	Dakshinamurti	U.S.A	2021
98.	Nandikesa	U.S.A	2021
99.	Buddha	U.S.A	2021
100.	Vase	U.S.A	2021
101.	Male figure	U.S.A	2021
102.	Male Bust	U.S.A	2021
103.	Buddha Head	U.S.A	2021
104.	Panel depicting Vishnu in a battle scene (?)	U.S.A	2021
105.	Female figure, probably a Shalabhanjika	U.S.A	2021
106.	Ardhanarisvara	U.S.A	2021
107.	Panel showing Vishnu and his consort	U.S.A	2021
108.	Torso of a male figure	U.S.A	2021
109.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
110.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
111.	Lingodbhava	U.S.A	2021
112.	Female deity	U.S.A	2021
113.	Torso of a male figure Bodhisattva(?)	U.S.A	2021
114.	Two male figures standing on a corner stone	U.S.A	2021
115.	Shiva	U.S.A	2021
116.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
117.	Durga	U.S.A	2021
118.	Padmapani (?)	U.S.A	2021
119.	Plaque with a female figure	U.S.A	2021
120.	Plaque with a female figure	U.S.A	2021
121.	Dakshinamurty Shiva	U.S.A	2021
122.	Uma Maheshvara	U.S.A	2021
123.	Terracotta tile depicting a pair of deer	U.S.A	2021
124.	Plaque showing a male and a female figure	U.S.A	2021
125.	Vase	U.S.A	2021
126.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
127.	Brahmāni (?)	U.S.A	2021
128.	Uma Maheshwar	U.S.A	2021
129.	Durga	U.S.A	2021
130.	Female figure	U.S.A	2021
131.	Goddess Parvati	U.S.A	2021
132.	Bodhisattva(?)	U.S.A	2021
133.	Female figure.	U.S.A	2021
134.	Surya	U.S.A	2021
135.	Balakrishna	U.S.A	2021
136.	Bust of a female	U.S.A	2021
137.	Anthropomorph	U.S.A	2021
138.	Sword with sheath	U.S.A	2021
139.	Manjushri (?)	U.S.A	2021

140.	Lakshmi Narayana	U.S.A	2021
141.	Standing Buddha	U.S.A	2021
142.	Female playing drum	U.S.A	2021
143.	Seated Divine figure	U.S.A	2021
144.	Buddha Head	U.S.A	2021
145.	Balakrishna	U.S.A	2021
146.	Nataraja	U.S.A	2021
147.	BikshātanaMurti	U.S.A	2021
148.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
149.	Uma Maheshwara	U.S.A	2021
150.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
151.	JainaChoubisi	U.S.A	2021
152.	Balakrishna	U.S.A	2021
153.	Panel of Mahavira, with twelve other Tirthankaras	U.S.A	2021
154.	Jaina Choubisi	U.S.A	2021
155.	Male deity (unidentified)	U.S.A	2021
156.	Male deity	U.S.A	2021
157.	Brahmāni	U.S.A	2021
158.	Jaina Choubisi	U.S.A	2021
159.	Female deity (?)	U.S.A	2021
160.	Male deity	U.S.A	2021
161.	Uma Mahesvara	U.S.A	2021
162.	Dancing Ganesha	U.S.A	2021
163.	Chāmundā	U.S.A	2021
164.	Kankālamurti	U.S.A	2021
165.	Nandikeshvara	U.S.A	2021
166.	Siva and Pārvati	U.S.A	2021
167.	Vishnu	U.S.A	2021
168.	Shiva Bhairava	Australia	2022
169.	The child saint Chandikesvara	Australia	2022
170.	Dancing Sambandar	Australia	2022
171.	The Child saint Sambandar	Australia	2022
172.	The divine couple Lakshmi and Vishnu	Australia	2022
173.	Arch for a Jain Shrine	Australia	2022
174.	Seated Jain	Australia	2022
175.	The dancing child saint Sambandar	Australia	2022
176.	Durga Mahisasurmardini	Australia	2022
177.	Processional standard (alam)	Australia	2022
178.	Letter of invitation to Jain monks	Australia	2022
179.	Lala, D. Dayal, Maharaja Sir KishenPershadyamin	Australia	2022
180.	Hiralal A Gandhi memorial portrait	Australia	2022
181.	Portrait of a man	Australia	2022
182.	Gujarati family group portrait	Australia	2022
183.	Portrait of a woman	Australia	2022
184.	Monorath 'portrait of donor and priests before Shri Nathji	Australia	2022
185.	Page from a Ragamala series	Australia	2022
186.	Varaha rescuing the earth Goddess, Bhudevi	Australia	2022

187.	Baby Krishna on a banyan leaf	Australia	2022
188.	Young lady with elaborate sari	Australia	2022
189.	Shrinathji	Australia	2022
190.	Kali yantra	Australia	2022
191.	Shri LakshmanChandji before Shri DurshamRamji	Australia	2022
192.	Krishna and Arjuna	Australia	2022
193.	YakshaBhairava	Australia	2022
194.	Shiva and Parvati	Australia	2022
195.	Amorous couple	Australia	2022
196.	Portrait of a gentleman	Australia	2022
197.	Goat headed Yogini	UK	2022
198.	Lord Hanuman	Australia	2023
199.	Crucified Christ	Australia	2023
200.	Carved sandstone relief (Bhairava)	UK	2023
201.	Sword made of Iron	UK	2023
202.	Carved stone door jamb	UK	2023
203.	Carved stone door jamb	UK	2023
204.	Carved stone door jamb	UK	2023
205.	Inlaid marble pillar	UK	2023
206.	Stone sculpture of God Surya	UK	2023
207.	Marble miniature shrine	USA	2023
208.	Kubera	USA	2023
209.	Vishnu and Lakshmi	USA	2023
210.	Yakshi	USA	2023
211.	Jaina Thirthankara	USA	2023
212.	TirthankaraParsvanatha	USA	2023
213.	Vishnu and Lakshmi image	USA	2023
214.	Surya	USA	2023
215.	Sambandar	USA	2023
216.	Terracotta Plaque	USA	2023
217.	Female Figure	USA	2023
218.	Male deity flanked by two females.	USA	2023
219.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
220.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
221.	Terracotta cylindrical pot	USA	2023
222.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
223.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
224.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
225.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
226.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
227.	Female deity	USA	2023
228.	Hanuman	USA	2023
229.	Vishnu	USA	2023
230.	Hanuman	USA	2023
231.	Male figure	USA	2023
232.	Male deity	USA	2023
233.	Terracotta plaque	USA	2023
234.	Terracotta plaque	USA	2023

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252.	Terracotta figurine	USA	2023
253.	Terracotta plaque	USA	2023
254.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
255.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
256.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
257.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
258.	Terracotta Vase	USA	2023
259.	Female figure	USA	2023
260.	Ganesh	USA	2023
261.	Female figure	USA	2023
262.	Lakshmi Narasimha	USA	2023
263.	Male figure	USA	2023
264.	Male figure	USA	2023
265.	Lakshmi	USA	2023
266.	Seated image of Shiva	USA	2023
267.	Seated male figure	USA	2023
268.	Vishnu	USA	2023
269.	Vaishanavi	USA	2023
270.	Female figure	USA	2023
271.	Seated image of the saint	USA	2023
272.	Male figure	USA	2023
273.	Female deity	USA	2023
274.	Kaliyamardana	USA	2023
275.	Lakshmi	USA	2023
276.	Deity with mustache	USA	2023
277.	Terracotta plaque	USA	2023
278.	Terracotta plaque	USA	2023
279.	Terracotta plaque of a hunting scene	USA	2023
280.	Terracotta plaque	USA	2023
281.	Terracotta plaque	USA	2023
282.	Terracotta toy	USA	2023
283.	Terracotta plaque Vishnu image	USA	2023

284.	Grave stone	USA	2023
285.	Persian Inscription	USA	2023
286.	Terracotta head	USA	2023
287.	Jaina Mandala	USA	2023
288.	Dagger with sheath	USA	2023
289.	Headless male figure	USA	2023
290.	Alam	USA	2023
291.	Alam	USA	2023
