

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-348**  
ANSWERED ON- 25/07/2024

**HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS CONCERNING MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH**

348. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is aware of the recently discovered colonial-era file detailing Indian jewels in the UK's royal treasury, including items from Maharaja Ranjit Singh's collection;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to verify and document these findings;
- (c) whether Government plans to engage with the UK regarding the return of these historical artifacts; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government to document and preserve the cultural heritage of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's era?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (c) No information is available regarding such file. Therefore, question of engaging with Government of UK in this regard does not arise.
- (d) The Archaeological Survey of India protects following monuments belonging to Maharaja Ranjit Singh:-
  1. Summer Place of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, Amritsar, Punjab
  2. Maharaja Ranjit Singh Fort Phillaur, Punjab

Government is taking all necessary measures for upkeep of the above monuments.

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