

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-303
ANSWERED ON- 21/08/2025
RETRIEVED ANTIQUITIES

*303. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 506 given in Rajya Sabha on 24/07/2025 and to state:-

- (a) the details of many old antiquities stolen by foreign countries before independence from our country; and
- (b) the number of retrieved antiquities from the foreign countries so far;

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 303 for reply on 21.08.2025 regarding Retrieved Antiquities asked by Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan

- (a) Several antiquities had been shifted from India to foreign countries before independence. However, no data of such antiquities is available.
- (b) A total of 655 antiquities have been retrieved from foreign countries so far.