

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2995  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.12.2016.**

**BRINGING BACK INDIAN ANTIQUES**

**2995. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:**

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring back the invaluable antiques from various countries including United States of America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the period, origin and the historical value of the antiques;
- (c) whether the US has recently returned back to India some such antiques and some more are also to be returned;
- (d) whether any foreign country is seeking for the restoration of ancient antiques from India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) to (b) Yes, Madam. Archaeological Survey of India is making all out efforts to bring back the antiquities which have been illegally exported out of India to various countries including United States of America.

The list of the antiquities retrieved from various countries till date is given in Annexure I.

- (c) The United States of America has agreed to return 19 antiquities to India. Out of 19 antiquities, 10 antiquities have been returned to India and the return of remaining antiquities are under process.
- (d) to (e) No, Madam.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY PART TO (a) to (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED  
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**LIST OF RETRIEVED ANTIQUITIES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

Sl. No.	Description of object	Provenance	Country from which retrieved	Date/ year of Retrieval	Means of Retrieval	Present location
1.	Sawn stucco Head	Nalanda, Bihar	U.K. and France	1976	Voluntarily returned by British Museum, London and Madam Krishna Robound of France	Patna Circle
2.	Nataraja of Chola period	Sivapuram Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	1986	Through Court Case in U.K and U.S.A.	Tamil Nadu Government
3.	Terracotta Yakshi of Tamluk	West Bengal	U.K.	1986	Court case was instituted in London but out of Court settlement was reached for retrieval	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
4.	Nataraja of Chola period	Tiruvilakkadi, Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	1986	Kimbell Art Museum returned the idol after Indemnity agreement was signed by the GOI on 12.8.1985	
5.	Nataraja of Chola period	Pathur, Tamil Nadu	U.K.	1991	Retrieved through Court case instituted in London High Court and appeal in Royal Court of Justice at London.	Tamil Nadu Government
6.	Terracotta figures from Bhitargaon	Utter Pradesh	U.S.A	1991	The figure was returned voluntarily by Los Angeles Country Museum.	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
7.	Amin pillars	Amin, Haryana	U.K	1979-80	Voluntarily returned	National Museum, New Delhi
8.	Image of Buddha	Bodhgaya, Bihar	U.S.A	1999	Voluntarily returned without seeking any monitory compensation by Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
9.	Sculpture of Krishnajanma	Dhubela Museum Chattarpur (M.P.)	U.S.A	1999	Returned through the mediation of Consulate General of India, New York.	Dhubela Museum, Chattarpur (M.P)
10.	Paintings	i) Chandigarh Museum ii) Chandigarh Museum	U.S.A U.S.A	10-1-1990 4-3-1979	Voluntarily returned Voluntarily returned	Chandigarh Museum Chandigarh Museum
11.	Image of Lakulisa	Jageswar	U.S.A	2000	Voluntarily returned after negotiations by the Consulate General of India, Chichago with Mrs. Marilyn Alsdorf.	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi

12.	Decorative Wooden panels (7 nos.)	Rajasthan	Holland	2001	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
13.	Retrieval of Yogini Vrishanana	--	Paris	2013	Returned on initiative of the then Minister of Culture	National Museum New Delhi.
14.	Nataraja	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	Voluntarily returned	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
15.	Ardhanareeswar form Australia	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	Voluntarily returned	-do-
16.	Parrot Lady	Madhya Pradesh	Canada	2015	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
17.	Durga (Mahishmardini)	J&K	Germany	2015	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
18.	Uma Parameshwari	Tamil Nadu	Singapore	2015	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
19.	Bronze image of Saint Manikkavachaka	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
20.	Metal image of Ganesha	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
21.	Female Figure (Honolulu Museum)	Eastern India	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
22.	Male Deity (Honolulu Museum)	Madhya Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
23.	Floral Tile, Harvan	Kashmir	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
24.	Stone panel Depicting Revanta and other figures	Madhya Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
25.	Sri Devi, Chola Period	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
26.	Bahubali Probably	Andhra Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
27.	Metal image of Parvati	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, New Delhi
28.	Metal image of Bhoo Devi	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	2016	Return as a case property PS Cr. No. 65/2008	Idol Wing CID Police Tamil Nadu
29.	Chakkarathalwar	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	2016	Return as a case property PS Cr. No. 65/2008	Idol Wing CID Police Tamil Nadu