

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3077  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

**MISSING OF VALUABLE ARTICLES FROM MUSEUMS**

3077. Shri Raghav Lakhanpal:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any valuable articles have reportedly gone missing from various museums across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, Museum-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against the culprits including staff/officers found responsible/involved therein; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

**ANSWER**

- (a) to (d) Three decorative art objects bearing GAR No.799, GAR No 822 and GAR No.860 have been reportedly missing from Allahabad Museum, Allahabad since 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. The matter is subjudice before the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad.
- (e) Periodical verification as well as Annual stock verification in the Museums is done as per schedule. Further, a well established security system, with modern security gadgets is in place. The activities, including security measures in respect of the museums under Ministry of Culture are also reviewed periodically.