

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*26  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019.**

**Repatriation of Artefacts**

**\*26. SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN:**

Will the **Minister of CULTURE**

be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has identified artefacts/ jewels that are still held in museums of foreign countries;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to get back these treasures?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

**(Prahlad Singh Patel)**

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF  
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- (a) No Sir. Data on artefacts / jewels that are still held in museums of foreign countries is not available with the ASI.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) The Archaeological Survey of India is constantly making its best efforts through Indian missions abroad for retrieval of illegally exported antiquities. The details of the antiquities retrieved from foreign countries for last five years and cases under process are at Annexure-1.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 FOR  
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**Retrieved Indian Antiquities from Abroad for last five years**

S.No.	Name of Antiquity	State	From	Year	Mode of retrieval	Under the custody
1.	Metal Image of Nataraja	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	Voluntarily returned	Idol Wing, TN
2.	Stone Sculpture Ardhanarishwar	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2014	Voluntarily returned	Idol Wing, TN
3.	Stone Sculpture Parrot Lady	Madhya Pradesh	Canada	2015	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
4.	Stone Sculpture Durga (Mahishmardini)	J&K	Germany	2015	Voluntarily returned	SPS Museum Sri Nagar, J&K
5.	Bronze image of Uma Parameshwari	Tamil Nadu	Singapore	2015	Voluntarily returned	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
6.	Bronze image of Saint Manikkavachaka	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
7.	Metal image of Ganesha	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
8.	Terracotta Female Figure (Honolulu Museum)	Mauryan period Central India	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
9.	Stone Sculpture Male Deity (Honolulu Museum)	Madhya Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
10.	Terracotta Floral Tile, Harvan	Kashmir	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
11.	Metal image of Sri Devi, Chola Period	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
12.	Metal image of Bahubali	Andhra Pradesh	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	PMO
13.	Metal image of Parvati	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
14.	Terracotta Plaque	West Bengal	USA	2016	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
15.	Metal image of Bhoodevi	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
16.	Metal image of Chakkarathalwar	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2016	Voluntarily returned	Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
17.	Stone Sculpture Seated Buddha	Mathura region, Uttar Pradesh	Australia	2016	Voluntarily returned	National Muséum New Delhi
18.	Stone Sculpture Panel of Devotees of Buddha	Andhra Pradesh	Australia	2016	Voluntarily returned	National Museum New Delhi

19.	Stone image Pratyangira	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2016	Voluntarily returned	Under the custody of Idol Wing Tamil Nadu
20.	Sand Stone Male Figure in Tribhanga Posture	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
21.	Sand Stone Bust of a Female	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
22.	Sand Stone broken Figure	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
23.	Stone image of Durga	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
24.	Damaged Sand Stone image of Nataraja in dancing posture.	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
25.	Mutilated Sand Stone Panel depicting two male Figures ( <i>vidhyadharas</i> ).	Central India	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
26.	Stone image of a couple ( <i>mithuna</i> ) figure carved under a niche from Atru, Rajasthan.	Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
27.	Stone image of a couple ( <i>mithuna</i> ) Figure from Atru, Rajasthan.	Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
28.	Stone sculpture of Brahma and Brahamani	Gujarat	U.K.	2017	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
29.	Stone Sculpture Durga Mahishasurmardini	Uttarakhand	USA MET Museum	2018	Voluntarily returned	CAC Section, Purana Qila, N. Delhi
30.	Stucco Bodhisattva Head	Andhra Pradesh	USA MET Museum	2018	Voluntarily returned	Nagarjunakonda Museum, Andhra Pradesh
31.	Bronze Image of Buddha	Bihar	U.K.	2018	Voluntarily returned	DRI

## Cases of Retrieval of artifacts under process

Serial No.	Name of Artifact	State of probable origin	Repatriation from
1.	Stone sculpture of Varaha	Rajasthan	Switzerland
2.	Rattle in the form of a lady playing the drum	West Bengal	Australia
3.	Figure of a lady playing drum	West Bengal	Australia
4.	Stone image of Varaha rescuing the earth Goddess	West Bengal	Australia
5.	Bhudevi	West Bengal	Australia
6.	Terracotta winged deity	West Bengal	Australia
7.	Pair of door Guardian.(2 nos sculpture	Tamil Nadu	Australia
8.	The Dancing Child Saint Sambandar	Tamil Nadu	Australia
9.	The sacred Bull Nandi	Tamil Nadu	Australia
10.	Trident with auspicious Kali	Tamil Nadu	Australia
11.	Siva Nataraja	Tamil Nadu	Australia
12.	Sambanthar idol	Tamil Nadu	Australia
13.	Child Sambanthar idol	Tamil Nadu	Australia
14.	Nandi idol	Tamil Nadu	Australia
15.	Six Headed Skanda idol	Tamil Nadu	Australia
16.	Two nos. of Dwarpala	Tamil Nadu	Australia
17.	limestone pillar depicting the <i>Dharmachakra</i>	Andhra Pradesh	United Arab Emirates
18.	Part of stone pillar	Andhra Pradesh	Belgium
19.	Stone image of seated Buddha	Madhya Pradesh	United Kingdom
20.	Stone Sculpture of Krishna	Tripura	Bangladesh
21.	Somaskanda	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
22.	Sambandar	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
23.	Ramanuja	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
24.	Standing, Ganesha	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
25.	Hanuman – Garuda	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
26.	Hanuman	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
27.	Garuda Mount	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
28.	Standing Budhha	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
29.	Gold Breast plate for a male deity	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
30.	Gold Breast plate for a female deity	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
31.	Four armed Vishnu	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
32.	Subrahmanya	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
33.	Nandi	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
34.	Bhikshatana Shiva	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
35.	Aiyanar	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
36.	Peacock vehicle	Tamil Nadu	Singapore
37.	Nataraja idol	Tamil Nadu	USA
38.	Buddha in Dharma Chakra Mudra	Bihar	USA

39.	Stone image of Tara	Bihar	USA
40.	Stone image of Apsara	Rajasthan	USA

**Note** - 374 objects have been examined by a two member team from ASI through Consulate General of India, New York. 79 objects found **ANTIQUITIES. Repatriation of 79 antiquities from USA.**