

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1932
ANSWERED ON 19/12/2022

REPATRIATION OF STOLEN ANTIQUITIES, ARTEFACTS AND IDOLS

1932. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
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be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of artefacts and antiques that are notified for repatriation and yet to be repatriated from foreign countries;
- (b) the amount of funds sanctioned and released for the repatriation of the above-mentioned artefacts;
- (c) whether there has been a delay in the repatriation of said artefacts due to a delay in the release of funds;
- (d) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of antiquities documented under the NMMA digital database thus far and steps taken to increase the rate of documentation; and
- (f) the details of funds released under the "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Digitization of Museum Collections" to the State of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) 72 antiquities are under process of repatriation from 11 countries. The details are enclosed at annexure.
- (b) to (d) The funds for repatriation are spent from the regular allocation of Archaeological Survey of India and there has been no such delay due to release of funds.
- (e) The National Mission of Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) has documented 16.5 lakh antiquities so far. NMMA conducts workshops and training programmes all over the country on the processes of documentation of antiquities and built heritage.
- (f) Under "Digitization of Museum Collection" component of 'Museum Grant Scheme', an amount of Rs. 28.00 lakhs was released to Department of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Rajasthan for 16 museums on 26th February, 2015.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1932 FOR 19/12/2022

LIST OF ARTEFACTS WHICH ARE IN PROCESS OF REPATRIATION FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Sr. No.	Country	No. of artifacts
1.	Australia	8
2.	Bangladesh	1
3.	Belgium	1
4.	France	1
5.	Germany	1
6.	Italy	1
7.	Netherland	1
8.	Singapore	17
9.	Switzerland	1
10.	UK	9
11.	USA	31
Total		72
