

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1843  
(To be answered on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021)**

**THE MAHARAJA COLLECTION OF AIR INDIA**

**1843. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**माननीय विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'The Maharaja Collection' of Air India have more than 4000 artworks which includes paintings, scriptures, artworks, etc.**
- (b) if so, the complete details with the estimated price of such assets thereof;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that many of these collections have been lost, stolen or damaged by Air India; and**
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**माननीय विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

**(a) and (b): The collection of art work includes approximately 4840 paintings and 2390 other objects. No exercise for estimating the value of these items has been done.**

**(c) and (d): One painting "Flying Apsara" was found stolen/misplaced, which was subsequently recovered and a FIR in the case was registered with Delhi Police. Further, as per records of Air India, 19 paintings were destroyed in various fire incidents, 02 were scrapped, 01 was broken and few were not traceable. Presently, the Art and Artifacts of Air India are kept in the Air India Building in Mumbai under 24 x 7 CCTV surveillance, which is supervised by Air India security.**

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