Bringing of Leiden Plates

2464. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of Culture
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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring back the Leiden Plates containing a royal charter of the Chola kings preserved in the Leiden University in the Netherlands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has initiated steps at the appropriate level to bring back the Leiden plates containing a royal charter of the Chola Kings, preserved in the Leiden University, Netherlands.

(c) Question does not arise.