

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 141  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

**MOU WITH FRANCE TO PROMOTE TOURISM AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

**† 141.SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an MoU has been signed between the Government of Madhya Pradesh and France in order to promote tourism and cultural activities as well as exchange of arts ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken/efforts made by the Government to bring back Indian artefacts from various countries of the world;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of Indian artefacts brought back during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF CULTURE TOURISM AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) & (b)** MoUs signed by State Governments are not available with this Ministry, as the information is not maintained centrally.

**(c) & (d)** Yes Sir, whenever any artefact of India origin is surfaced or comes to notice of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), in any location abroad, the ASI proactively takes up the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Embassies abroad for its retrieval. From the year 1976 to date, 242 antiquities have been retrieved to India from various foreign countries, of which 210 have been retrieved in the past five years.

**(e)** The details of Indian artefacts brought back during the last five years are enclosed at Annexure I.

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**Annexure 1****Antiquities retrieved during the last five years (from 2017 to till date)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>No. of Antiquity</b>
2017	USA	08
	UK	01
2018	USA	02
2019	UK	01
	Australia	01
2020	Australia	03
	UK	05
2021	UK	01
	Canada	01
	USA	157
2022	Australia	29
	UK	01
		<b>Total - 210</b>

## Annexure 1

### Detailed list of antiquities retrieved during the last five years (from 2017 to till date)

Si. No.	Description	Provenance	Retrieved from	Year of retrieval
1.	Sand Stone Male Figure in Tribhanga Posture	Central India	U.S.A.	2017
2.	Sand Stone Bust of a Female	Central India	U.S.A.	2017
3.	Sand Stone broken Figure	Central India	U.S.A.	2017
4.	Stone image of Durga	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	2017
5.	Sand Stone image of Nataraja in dancing posture.	Central India	U.S.A.	2017
6.	Sand Stone Panel depicting two male Figures ( <i>vidhyadharas</i> ).	Central India	U.S.A.	2017
7.	Stone image of a couple ( <i>mithuna</i> ) figure carved under a niche from Atru.	Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2017
8.	Stone image of a couple ( <i>mithuna</i> ) Figure from Atru.	Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2017
9.	Stone sculpture of Brahma and Brahamani	Gujarat	UK	2017
10.	Durga Mahishasurmardini	Uttarakhand	U.S.A.	2018
11.	Bodhisattva Head	Andhra Pradesh	U.S.A.	2018
12.	Image of Buddha	Bihar	U.K.	2019
13.	Idol of Bronze Nataraja	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2019
14.	Nagaraja (The serpent King) Stone sculpture	Central India.	Australia	2020
15.	(a) Dwarpala, stone sculpture	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2020
16.	(b) Dwarpala, stone sculpture	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2020
17.	Lime stone relief	Andhra Pradesh	U.K.	2020
18.	Stone sculpture of Shiva (Nataraja)	Rajasthan	U.K.	2020
19.	Metal idol of Rama	Tamil Nadu	U.K.	2020
20.	Metal idol of Laxamana	Tamil Nadu	U.K.	2020

21.	Metal idol of Sita	Tamil Nadu	U.K.	2020
22.	Navaneetha Krishna	South India	U.K.	2021
23.	Annapoorna	Uttar Pradesh	Canada	2021
24.	Lingodhbhava	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A.	2021
25.	Manjushri	Eastern Bihar or adjoining areas of West Bengal	U.S.A.	2021
26.	Painting depicting <i>Rasikapriya from the Samdehi Ragini</i>	Bikaner, Rajasthan	U.S.A.	2021
27.	Buddhist Votive Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
28.	Bull	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
29.	Torso of a woman	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
30.	Erotic Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
31.	Fertility Goddess figure	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
32.	Erotic Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
33.	Buddhist Votive Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
34.	Cross Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
35.	Humped bull	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
36.	Monkey Figure	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
37.	Monkey on crocodile	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
38.	Circular Plaque Fertility Goddess	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
39.	Plaque of standing figure	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
40.	Yakshi and Bird	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
41.	Man Riding Animal	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
42.	Plaque of Two figures	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
43.	Standing Yakshi	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
44.	Plaque with figure	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
45.	Plaque of Yakshi	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021

46.	Pair of Deer	Indian origin	U.S.A.	2021
47.	Erotic Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
48.	Square Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
49.	Fertility Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
50.	Fertility Goddess sitting with star	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
51.	Plaque with two figures (Mithuna)	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
52.	Plaque of Erotic couple	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
53.	Female figurine	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
54.	Plaque of Buffalo in water and Tiger	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
55.	Erotic Couple	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
56.	Erotic Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
57.	Erotic Couple Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
58.	Pendent (painted on all side	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
59.	Erotic Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
60.	Erotic Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
61.	Erotic Plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
62.	Yakshi	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
63.	Pitcher	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
64.	Head	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
65.	Bird with wheels	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
66.	Terracotta mould:	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
67.	Female figurine	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
68.	Head	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
69.	Female Head	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
70.	Seated mother Goddess	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
71.	Yakshi plaque	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021

72.	Rattle of Kubera	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
73.	Yaksha	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
74.	Kubera or Yaksha	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
75.	Bowl	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
76.	Head	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
77.	Head	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
78.	Two Bulls	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
79.	Cow	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
80.	Standing Monkey	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
81.	Head	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
82.	Bull with two Humps	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
83.	Buddha	Mathura (?)	U.S.A	2021
84.	Copper Plates with Qur'anic verses	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
85.	Buddha head (Broken) Terracotta	Indian origin	U.S.A	2021
86.	Stele of Varaha	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
87.	Sculpture of Goddess	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
88.	Standing sculpture of Vishnu	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
89.	Chauri Bearer with devotees	Central India	U.S.A	2021
90.	Bodhisattva Manjushri (?)	Bengal/Orissa Region	U.S.A	2021
91.	UmāMaheshvara	South India	U.S.A	2021
92.	Thirthankara	Western India	U.S.A	2021
93.	Couple	Central India	U.S.A	2021
94.	Revanta Panel	Western India	U.S.A	2021
95.	Nataraja	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
96.	Jain shrine with twenty-four Jinas.	Western India	U.S.A	2021
97.	Tirthankaras.	Central India	U.S.A	2021

98.	Vishnu	South India	U.S.A	2021
99.	Head	Central India	U.S.A	2021
100.	Female deity	Central India	U.S.A	2021
101.	Twenty four Tirthankaras	Western India	U.S.A	2021
102.	A male deity, flanked by two consorts	Western India	U.S.A	2021
103.	Amorous Couple	Central India	U.S.A	2021
104.	Brahma (?)	Central India	U.S.A	2021
105.	A bust of male figure Bodhisattva Maitreya(?)	Central India	U.S.A	2021
106.	Surya	Central India	U.S.A	2021
107.	Female deity (Parvati)	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
108.	Female figure of devotee	East India (?)	U.S.A	2021
109.	Buddha in standing posture	Central India	U.S.A	2021
110.	Dakshinamurti	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
111.	Nandikesa	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
112.	Buddha	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
113.	Vase	Eastern India(?)	U.S.A	2021
114.	Male figure	South India	U.S.A	2021
115.	Male Bust	Central India	U.S.A	2021
116.	Buddha Head	Central India	U.S.A	2021
117.	Panel depicting Vishnu in a battle scene (?)	Central India	U.S.A	2021
118.	Female figure, probably a Shalabhanjika	Central India	U.S.A	2021
119.	Ardhanarisvara	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
120.	Panel showing Vishnu and his consort	Central India	U.S.A	2021
121.	Torso of a male figure	Unknown	U.S.A	2021
122.	Vishnu	South India	U.S.A	2021
123.	Vishnu	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021

124.	Lingodbhava	South India	U.S.A	2021
125.	Female deity	South India	U.S.A	2021
126.	Torso of a male figure Bodhisattva(?)	Central/North India	U.S.A	2021
127.	Two male figures standing on a corner stone	Central India	U.S.A	2021
128.	Shiva	Central India	U.S.A	2021
129.	Vishnu	Central India	U.S.A	2021
130.	Durga	South India	U.S.A	2021
131.	Padmapani (?)	Western India (?)	U.S.A	2021
132.	Plaque with a female figure	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
133.	Plaque with a female figure	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
134.	Dakshinamurty Shiva	South India	U.S.A	2021
135.	Uma Maheshvara	Central India	U.S.A	2021
136.	Terracotta tile depicting a pair of deer	North/Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
137.	Plaque showing a male and a female figure	North/ Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
138.	Vase	Eastern India (?)	U.S.A	2021
139.	Vishnu	South India	U.S.A	2021
140.	Brahmāni (?)	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
141.	Uma Maheshwar	Central India	U.S.A	2021
142.	Durga	South India	U.S.A	2021
143.	Female figure	Central India	U.S.A	2021
144.	Goddess Parvati	Western/South India	U.S.A	2021
145.	Bodhisattva(?)	Central India	U.S.A	2021
146.	Female figure.	Central India	U.S.A	2021
147.	Surya	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
148.	Balakrishna	Tami Nadu	U.S.A	2021
149.	Bust of a female	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021



150.	Anthropomorph	North India	U.S.A	2021
151.	Sword with sheath	Punjab origin	U.S.A	2021
152.	Manjushri (?)	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
153.	Lakshmi Narayana	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
154.	Standing Buddha	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
155.	Female playing drum	Central India	U.S.A	2021
156.	Seated Divine figure	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
157.	Buddha Head	Central/Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
158.	Balakrishna	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
159.	Nataraja	East India (?)	U.S.A	2021
160.	Bikshātana Murti	South India	U.S.A	2021
161.	Vishnu	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
162.	Uma Maheshwara	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
163.	Vishnu	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
164.	JainaChoubisi	Central India	U.S.A	2021
165.	Balakrishna	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
166.	Panel of Mahavira, with twelve other Tirthankaras	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
167.	JainaChoubisi	Western India	U.S.A	2021
168.	Male deity (unidentified)	Central/East India	U.S.A	2021
169.	Male deity	East India	U.S.A	2021
170.	Brahmāni	South India	U.S.A	2021
171.	JainaChoubisi	Central/WesterIndia	U.S.A	2021
172.	Female deity (?)	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
173.	Male deity	South India	U.S.A	2021
174.	Uma Mahesvara	Eastern India	U.S.A	2021
175.	Dancing Ganesha	Central/West India	U.S.A	2021

176.	Chāmundā	Western India	U.S.A	2021
177.	Kankālamurti	South India	U.S.A	2021
178.	Nandikeshvara	South India	U.S.A	2021
179.	Siva and Pārvati	Tamil Nadu	U.S.A	2021
180.	Vishnu	South India	U.S.A	2021
181.	Shiva Bhairava	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
182.	The child saint Chandikesvara	South India	Australia	2022
183.	Dancing Sambandar	South India	Australia	2022
184.	The Child saint Sambandar	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2022
185.	The divine couple Lakshmi and Vishnu	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
186.	Arch for a Jain Shrine	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
187.	Seated Jain	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
188.	The dancing child saint Sambandar	Tamil Nadu	Australia	2022
189.	DurgaMahisasurmardini	Gujarat	Australia	2022
190.	Processional standard (alam)	Hyderabad	Australia	2022
191.	Letter of invitation to Jain monks	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
192.	Lala, D. Dayal, Maharaja Sir KishenPershadYamin	India	Australia	2022
193.	Hiralal A Gandhi memorial portrait	India	Australia	2022
194.	Portrait of a man	India	Australia	2022
195.	Gujarati family group portrait	India	Australia	2022
196.	Portrait of a woman	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
197.	Monorath 'portrait of donor and priests before Shri Nathji	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
198.	Page from a Ragamala series	Madhya Pradesh	Australia	2022
199.	Varaha rescuing Goddess Bhudevi	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
200.	Baby Krishna on a banyan leaf	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
201.	Young lady	Rajasthan	Australia	2022

202.	Shrinathji	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
203.	Kali yantra	Uttar Pradesh	Australia	2022
204.	Shri Lakshman Chandji before Shri DurshamRamji	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
205.	Krishna and Arjuna	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
206.	Yaksha Bhairava	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
207.	Shiva and Parvati	Himachal Pradesh	Australia	2022
208.	Amorous couple	Kolkata	Australia	2022
209.	Portrait of a gentleman	Rajasthan	Australia	2022
210.	Goat headed Yogini	Uttar Pradesh	U.K.	2022