

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2107**  
ANSWERED ON- 05/08/2024

**REPATRIATION OF INDIAN ARTEFACTS**

2107. SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:  
SHRI NARESH GANPAT MHASKE:  
SMT. DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the recent achievements and budget allocation for bringing back Indian artefacts from abroad;
- (b) the data on artefacts that have been repatriated since 2014, and from which countries were they brought back;
- (c) the details of the impacts observed on cultural heritage preservation and public awareness due to the repatriation of these artefacts, supported by relevant data, and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to reduce artefacts smuggling from the country along with data thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Total 345 antiquities have been repatriated from different countries since 2014. No specific budget is allocated for repatriation of the antiquities. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) makes expenditure from its available budget as per requirement.
- (b) Country-wise list is annexed as ‘**Annexure I**’.
- (c) Public interest has increased towards the cultural heritage. Various exhibitions and workshops have been organized by the Archaeological Survey of India for public awareness. For instance, exhibitions of repatriated artefacts curated during G-20 meeting at Khajuraho and World Heritage Committee meeting at New Delhi were appreciated by the delegates and visitors. Selected repatriated antiquities are also displayed for the public in the gallery at Purana Quila.
- (d) ASI works in coordination with different law-enforcement agencies for preventing smuggling of artefacts. Whenever any theft of antiquity is reported, FIR is lodged in concerned police station and ‘Look Out Notice’ is issued to law enforcement agencies including Custom Exit Channels to keep vigil to trace stolen antiquity.

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**Annexure I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART- (b) LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2107 FOR 05.08.2024

<b>Year</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>No. of Antiquity</b>	<b>Year-wise total</b>
2014	Australia	02	2
2015	Canada	01	3
	Germany	01	
	Singapore	01	
2016	USA	11	14
	Australia	03	
2017	USA	08	09
	UK	01	
2018	USA	02	02
2019	UK	01	02
	Australia	01	
2020	Australia	03	08
	UK	05	
2021	UK	01	159
	Canada	01	
	USA	157	
2022	Australia	29	30
	UK	01	
2023	Australia	02	115
	UK	07	
	USA	105	
	Italy	01	
2024	Thailand	01	01
<b>Total</b>		<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>