

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-502
ANSWERED ON- 07/12/2023

STOLEN ANTIQUES AND ARTEFACTS

502. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of stolen antiques and historic artefacts that have been repatriated back to the country during each of the last five years from various countries, country-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken penal action against the antique dealers and smugglers responsible for the theft during this period; and
- (c) the details of antique dealers extradited to the country during this period, country-wise?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) 314 antiquities have been repatriated during last five years. Country-wise list is as below:-

Country	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
USA	-	-	158	-	105	263
UK	1	5	1	1	7	15
Australia	1	3	-	29	2	35
Italy	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	02	08	159	30	115	314

- (b) & (c) Yes, central and state law-enforcing agencies take penal action as per the provisions in their respective laws. No antiquity dealer has been extradited in last five years.
