

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:431  
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BRINGING BACK SARASWATI IDOL TO INDIA  
KANTI SINGH

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether efforts are being made by the Union Government to bring back the 'Saraswati Idol' taken during British Raj from Bhojshala/Kamal Moula Mosque from the British Government; and

(b) if so, the latest position of the said issue?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) & (b) The whole question of restitution of cultural property is one that has been taken up by the Government of India in multilateral fora and bilaterally as appropriate. Government of India is seized of this matter.