

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:945
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2003
HOUSING OF NIZAM'S JEWELS
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO;M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh made a request to the Union Government for permanent display/ exhibit of famed Nizam's collection of jewels at Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, when was the request received by the Union Government;
- (c) the present status of the request; and
- (d) the space earmarked in Hyderabad for exhibition of the collections ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d) : The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh vide his letter dated 08.03.2001 had requested the Prime Minister of India for the permanent display of the Nizams' jewels at Khilawat Mahal at Chow Mohalla Palace in Hyderabad. However, from the point of view of security, a site adjacent to the Salarjung Museum was found more suitable. Subsequently the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh vide his letter dated 3rd July, 2003 has suggested that the Jewels may be displayed permanently at a new site at Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, where a Gems and Jewellery Park is being set up.

A final decision on permanent display of these jewels and its probable location can be taken only after safety and security aspects of the jewels as also the expenditure involved are thoroughly examined in consultation with all authorities concerned.