

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

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RAIDS ON ASI OFFICERS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the premises of several offices of the Department of Archaeology have been raided by the CBI recently;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last two years till date;
- (c) whether the officers responsible for checking corruption in the Department of Archaeology failed to act earlier; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. During the period under reference the CBI conducted the raids/searches at the following premises / offices of the Archaeological Survey of India:-

- (1) Institute of Archaeology, New Delhi was raided on 3.11.2001 in connection with the alleged misappropriation of government funds. The CBI has not yet submitted its report in this case.
- (2) The Office chamber of Shri P.G.Krishnamurthy, Deputy Superintending Archaeological Engineer who was then posted at Bhubaneswar Circle was raided by the CBI on 4.4.2002 in connection with a bribery charge against him. The CBI has submitted its report. Sanction to prosecute Shri P.G.Krishnamurthy has been conveyed to the CBI.
- (3) The Office chamber of Shri Birbal Ram Meena, Superintending Archaeologist, who was then posted at Jaipur Circle was searched by the CBI on 26.4.2002 in connection with the charge of possession of disproportionate assets by him. The report of CBI has been received and permission to prosecute him has been given to the CBI.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. All possible steps are always taken to prevent corruption in the Archaeological Survey of India.