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MEMORANDUM

**Policy/Guideline for Lending of Antiquities/Art Treasures to Institutions/Museums
Abroad and Within the Country**

Ministry of Culture vide its office memorandum F.No.25-5/98-M.I. dated 18/06/1999 and subsequently revised by office memorandum F.No.12-3/2013-M.I. dated 13/02/2014 has issued guidelines for organizing international exhibitions. In addition, Policy/Guideline for Lending of Antiquities/Art Treasures to Institutions/Museums Abroad and Within the Country are framed approved by HCM on 29/02/2016.

Accordingly, a copy of latest policy/guideline with respect of lending of Antiquities/Art Treasures to Institutions/Museums Abroad and Within the Country is enclosed herewith for necessary information and compliance. These guidelines may be given vide publicity and scrupulously followed. These guidelines are also available on website of the Archaeological Survey of India www.asi.nic.in.

R. Tewari

(Rakesh Tewari)
Director General

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22-5-16 To,

All Museums in India
All Attached and Subordinate offices and Autonomous organizations of the Ministry of Culture.
Director General, ICCR, Azad Bhavan, IP Estate, New Delhi.
Joint Secretary (Coord), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.
Heads of Department of Culture all State Governments and Union Territories.
Deputy Director General(Philately), Department of Post, Dak Bhavan, New Delhi.

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PSO to Secretary (Culture).
PPS to AS (Culture).
PPS to AS & FA, MOC.
All Joint Secretaries in MOC.
All Director/Deputy Secretaries in MOC.

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There will be three categories of loan/exhibition.

1. Category (I) - Incoming and outgoing exhibitions of Antiquities/Art treasures abroad.
2. Category (II) -Temporary loan of Antiquities/Art treasures for foreign institutions/ museums.
3. Category (III) - Loan of Antiquities/Art treasures to the institution/museums within the country.

Following categories of antiquities will not be loaned either foreign countries or within the country.

1. Antiquities and Art Treasures classified under 'AA' Category.
2. Works of art under worship in any form, irrespective of their location and placement.
3. Embedded antiquities and art objects.
4. Antiquities/ Art Treasures which have not been documented by the concerned museum.
5. Antiquities/ Art Treasures displayed in specific context of the site /monument.
6. Antiquities/ Art Treasures which are not in good state of preservation and not fit for movement.
7. Antiquities and Art Treasures proposed to be taken abroad for exhibition should have had minimum cooling for a period for three years i.e. three clear years shall have to be passed after their return from any previous exhibition. However, in very exceptional cases this provision may be relaxed with specific written permission of the IMEC, headed by Secretary (Culture), Government of India.

