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**The Patiala Necklace and Its Robbery (Which listed as one of the biggest lost treasures ever, valued around \$ 30 Million Today)**

**The necklace created by the House of Cartier in 1928. It was made for Bhupinder Singh of Patiala,**



who was the Maharaja of the princely state of Patiala.

The necklace had five chains (ladi) and included a neck collar. The necklace contained 2,930 diamonds, including as its centrepiece the world's seventh-largest diamond at the time, the "De Beers".



That diamond had a 428 carat pre-cut weigh, and it weighed 234.65 carats in its final setting.

It is the largest cushion-cut yellow diamond and the 2nd largest yellow faceted diamond in the world. The necklace also contained seven other large diamonds ranging from 18 to 73 carats



and a number of Burmese rubies.

The necklace disappeared from the Royal Treasury of Patiala around 1948.

In 1982, at a Sotheby's auction in Geneva, the "De Beers" diamond reappeared. There, the bidding went up to \$3.16 million

In 1998, part of the necklace was found at a second-hand jewellery shop in London by Eric Nussbaum, a Cartier associate. The remaining large jewels were missing, including the Burmese rubies and the 18 to 73 carat diamonds that were mounted on a pendant.

Cartier purchased the incomplete necklace and, after four years, restored it to resemble the original. They replaced the lost diamonds with cubic zirconia and synthetic diamonds, and mounted a replica of the original "De Beers" diamond.

Source- Wikipedia