

Crowned Buddha

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.:	2372 
Type:	relief
Date of production:	10th c. Pala-Sena period
Place of production:	India
Materials:	slate
Techniques:	carved
Dimensions:	height: 61 cm width: 30.5 cm depth: 12 cm 37.4 kg
Acquisition:	donation of Imre Schwaiger

The Pala-period black slate statue depicts the Buddha during his first teaching after enlightenment. Regarding hand postures (mudra), Buddha-statues belong to five categories. Here the hand posture represents Buddha turning the wheel of teachings (dharma) (dharma-chakra-pravartana-mudra). A characteristic feature of the Buddha statues made in the Pala-period, in addition to their common material, the black slate, is that they depict the Buddha with a ruler's attributes.

The statue was originally a relief adorning a Buddhist stupa.

