



PISHQABZ

(PRONOUNCED AS *PIŠQABZ* پیش قبض)

This is an Indian *pishqabz* with a typical S-shaped blade. Note that the term *pishqabz* پیش قبض consists of two parts: *pish* پیش (adj) means “front” and *qabz* قبض (n) means “handle.” This weapon was tucked under the belt in front of the body. The blade is made of pattern-welded steel (layered steel). The blade has a sharpened back edge and from the point where the back edge starts the blade has a midrib. In contrast to most *pishqabz* daggers, this dagger does not have a T-spine. The base of the blade is decorated with floral and vegetal design in gold-overlaying style (*kufthari* کوفتگری). The top of the handle and the bolster are made of steel and gold-overlaid in floral design. The handle is covered with plaques of mother of pearl. For other examples of Indian *pishqabz* daggers, see *Dolche und Messer aus dem persischen Kulturraum* (unspecified date, figures 97 and 100), Tirri (2003:292, figure 214), and *Rites of Power: Oriental Arms* (2010:134, figure 59).



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ORIGIN INDIA

PERIOD 1900



TOTAL LENGTH 46,6 cm

LENGTH OF THE BLADE 33,6 cm

WEIGHT 593 grams

WIDTH OF THE BLADE AT THE BASE 3,65 cm

WIDTH OF THE BLADE IN THE MIDDLE 2 cm

THICKNESS OF THE BLADE AT THE BASE 7,2 mm

THICKNESS OF THE BLADE IN THE MIDDLE 6,6 mm

THICKNESS OF THE BLADE AT THE START OF THE MIDRIB 16,6 mm

