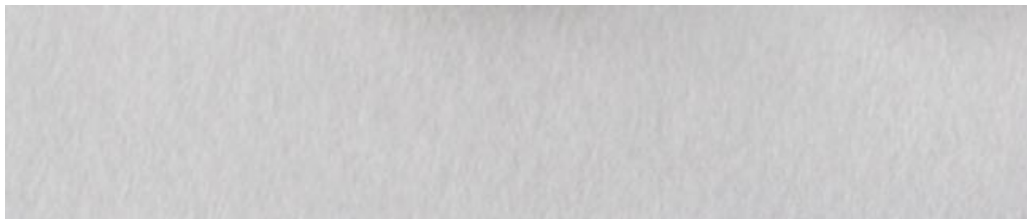


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Pair of Diamond-Inset Enamelled Gold and Seed-Pearl Cluster Earrings

20th century

India

British India/Princely States

Enamelled gold, diamonds, seed pearls

Overall: 2 1/8 x 5/8 in. (5.4 x 1.6cm)

These earrings are composed of two elements each: a post in the shape of a flower and a cluster of seed pearls. The posts are inset with a central diamond surrounded by a green, blue and white enamelled flower.

Enamelled red loops with elongated seed pearls hang from the sides of the flowers. From the center is suspended a teardrop-shaped green enamelled form with further red enamelled loops, each with its own pearl and green bead. The back of floral post is enamelled in red and green floral designs on a white ground. Pearls have been used in traditional Indian jewelry since ancient times. Although pearl fisheries existed off the coast of south India, the most abundant source of pearls was the Persian Gulf. The enameling suggests the earrings were made in northern India, perhaps Jaipur or Varanasi.