# Pair Of 19th-century Raj-era Swat Indian Wedding Chairs

550 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Length : 46 cm

Width : 44 cm

Height : 76 cm, assise hauteur du sol: 17 cm

## Description

These are two 19th-century wedding chairs from the Swat Valley, originally from the northwestern part of present-day Pakistan (in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). The solid wood elements feature polychrome painted designs (shades of ochre, red, green, and black) with floral and geometric motifs applied . These very low chairs (miniature charpoy) are designed for sitting close to the ground. The seat is made of twisted plant-fiber straps.  The legs are turned and joined with visible through-tenons. The tops of the back legs are finished with turned finials, connected by a braided cowhide cord.The region was part of what was known as British India (or the Indies). Before the partition of 1947, the entire territory comprising present-day Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh was encompassed under the name

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"India." In the 19th century, the valley was an autonomous Pashtun tribal area organized as an emirate and later as a princely state.A few areas where paint is missing and gaps in the braiding do not affect the stability of the piece