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Silver Tulwar Hilt with Gold Overlay

India, 19th century

17.3cm

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The silver tulwar hilt with flat circular pommel, engraved with damascened gold flowers. The hilt of standard tulwar form; cut with two convex shapes on each side. The artist has engraved a floral pattern into the piece, which is distinctive for its acanthus-style leaves and tall, vertical stems. Further, gold overlay emphasizes the engraved flowers which have a circular centre and four large petals. The top features a sun-style motif engraved in metal and further acanthus-style leaves and gold flowers line the rim. The Zarko Selo Collection houses a tulwar hilt which is similar in its size, style and decoration (Reprinted in, Egerton, *An Illustrated Handbook of Indian Arms*, London, William H. Allen & Co., 1880, pl. III, fig. 6).