

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HERITAGE BUILDING
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that many Heritage Buildings are not in proper condition and they are on the verge of collapse at any time due to poor maintenance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to preserve such heritage buildings in the country alongwith the professional management/modern technology proposed to be adopted in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)to(c) The centrally protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are in good state of preservation. Every year conservation programmes are drawn up for conservation and maintenance of the protected monuments and implemented, as per conservation principles in vogue. Modern conservation methods are used to maintain originality and authenticity of the monuments during all conservation interventions. Scientific studies and investigations are carried out for assessing damages, documentation and survey of monuments.