

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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VAISAKHA SAKA CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government /Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is undertaking conservation and restoration works of various monuments and sites in the country including Trimbakeshwar Temple in Maharashtra in an appropriate and scientific manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government/ ASI has received any reports of damages caused to monuments / sites due to improper restoration methods;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government /ASI for preservation and conservation of monuments /sites in a proper manner including engaging the best and latest technological know-how for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) &
- (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is carrying out conservation and chemical preservation works in an appropriate and scientific manner in the centrally protected monuments located all over the country including Trimbakeshwar Temple in Distt Nasik of Maharashtra State.
- (c) to
- (e) The conservation of monuments is a continuous process depending upon their need and resources available. The conservation works are taken up on these monuments/ sites as per Archaeological norms to maintain the authenticity and aesthetic character of the monuments.