

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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RESTORATION OF MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to improper restoration/maintenance method adopted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), most of the prominent monuments in various parts of the country including Maharashtra like Trimbakeshwar Temple, Raigarh Killas, etc. have incurred damages and are on the verge of losing their heritage status;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether it is a fact that so many monuments are in poor condition due to the lack of proper supervision in the country; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)&(c) No Madam. The conservation work of protected monuments in the country including Maharashtra is attended to by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), properly, following archaeological norms and principles, without causing any damage to the monuments and maintaining their heritage values.

(d)& (e) No Madam. Adequate care is taken of protected monuments by regular supervision and proper watch and ward.