

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL CONSERVATION POLICY

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) proposes to formulate a draft National conservation Policy on Historical Monuments and Heritage Sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the policy ;
- (c) whether the Government has invited the views of various experts before finalisation of the said policy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to provide training for the preservation and conservation of documents and manuscripts of historical and archival value under the proposed policy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether it is true that the draft policy does not encourage restoration and sticks to John Marshall's principle of preserving monuments and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be finalised/implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARA KATOCH)

(a)to(d) Yes, Madam. The draft National conservation Policy of Historical Monuments and Heritage Sites is being prepared by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The views of various experts in this regard have been taken and incorporated in the policy draft. The draft policy is divided in 15 Articles. The details are given in Annexure-I.

(e) No such provision is there as the policy focuses on nationally protected monuments.

(f) The draft policy has not been finalized yet. In addition to John Marshall's principles, the conservation and restoration work is guided by the guidelines for conservation prescribed in International Charters, recognized by the UNESCO.