

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GUIDELINES FOR PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is still observing John Marshall guidelines for preservation of monuments which are 90 years old;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to update certain conservation policy guidelines in view of rising pollution, rapid encroachment and growing urbanisation; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to have a new updated conservation policy incorporating new development and technologies for the preservation of monuments across the country including Haryana?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a)&(b) In addition to the guidelines prepared during the time of John Marshall, the guidelines prescribed in International Charters, recognised by UNESCO, are also followed for conservation and preservation of monuments.
- (c)&(d) Traditional methods and techniques are preferred for conservation work of the monuments. However, the conservation policy of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is under review for updation.