

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANUSCRIPT CONSERVATION COUNTERS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to setup manuscript conservation counters in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether proposals to open Manuscript Conservation Counter (MCC) in various parts of the country including Nasik district of Maharashtra are under consideration of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government on the proposal of Maharashtra to conserve the historical heritage of more than 2 lakh handwritten manuscripts in Nasik district?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)&(b) Manuscript Conservation Centres have already been setup at Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune. The following Manuscript Conservation Partner Centres have also been setup in Maharashtra:-

1. RajwadeSamshodhanMandal, Dhule
2. AnandashramSanstha, Pune
3. SamarthaVagdevataMandir, Dhule
4. Fergusson College, Pune
5. Forbes Gujarati Sabha, Mumbai
6. VedashastraVidyaSamvardhanMandal, Karad, Distt. Satara
7. ParajnaPathshala, Wai, Distt. Satara

(c)&(d) No, Madam. There are no such proposals under consideration of Ministry of Culture.

(e) No such proposal has been received from Maharashtra in this regard.