

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2193**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021

**CONSERVATION OF PILLARS OF ANCIENT TEMPLES**

**2193. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will take steps for the conservation of pillars of ancient temples that have engravings in various languages and most of which are getting ruined these days especially in Tamilnadu;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to conserve them as historical monuments in the museums after decoding the said engravings; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) The conservation work of protected monuments including pillars of ancient temples with engravings is attended regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and they are in a good state of conservation. Such procedure is followed for all protected monuments in the country including Tamilnadu.
- (b) The preference is given for in situ conservation and preservation of the pillars having & engravings. However, where issues of safety and security are involved these are
- (c) shifted and preserved in museums.

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