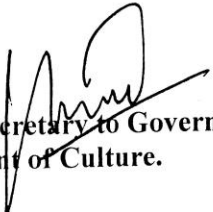

Calling Attention Notice given by Dr. Shehnaz Ganie, Hon'ble MLC under Rules 174 of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Council:-

“ To call the attention of the government towards a matter of urgent public importance namely, the situation that has arisen due to non-preservation of heritage sites like Sheesh Mahal, Moti Mahal, Bagdeodi etc, in Poonch district and the steps taken by the Government in this behalf.”

Reply

1. **Sheesh Mahal:-** The palace is presently used by the Education Department and a Girls Higher Secondary School is functioning in the premises of palace. The detailed Project Report for conservation/restoration shall be taken up physically once the palace under question is declared as State Protected Monument under the J&K Ancient Monument Preservation Act, 1920 Amendment Act, 2010/ J&K Heritage Conservation and Preservation Act, 2010.
2. **Moti Mahal:-** The Palace is used by the Army and the Army authorities have not given permission for its survey and documentation with the result, the Department is unable to take up the process of its declaration as a State Protected Monument/Heritage building.
3. **Bagh Deodi:-** The process of declaring Bagh Deodi as State Protected Monument under J&K Ancient Monument Preservation Act, 1920 Amendment, 2010 has been initiated and is under process. Revenue authorities have been requested to furnish revenue record which has not been received as yet. Once the Revenue documents are received case will be further processed and notification will be issued. The process of its restoration/conservation can be taken up only after issuance of notification.

**Sd/-
Minister I/C
Department of Culture**


**Deputy Secretary to Government
Department of Culture.**