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24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001  
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To

The Executive Director/Heritage  
Ministry of Railways  
Rail Bhawan  
New Delhi

**Subject: State of Conservation of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, India**

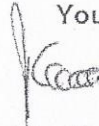
Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the letter no. CLT(HER/WHC/APA/19/026) dated 14/02/2019 received from World Heritage Centre, Citing the deteriorating state of conservation of the Darjeeling Himalayan railway (DHR), part of mountain railways of India.

A letter in this regard seeking SOC report was also forwarded to your office on 19.02.2018, in response of which, factual position regarding current status of conservation was given vide letter no. 2010/heritage/DHR, which was not satisfactory. A meeting was also convened with the agenda of SOC of DHR on 18/01/2019 but none of the representative had attended the meeting.

In view of the above situation, the World Heritage Centre wants to examine the status of Conservation of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway at its 93<sup>rd</sup> session to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan. In this regard, you are requested to submit the report of State of Conservation latest by 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 for onward transmission to World Heritage Centre.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Praveen Kumar Mishra)