

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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DEVELOPMENT OF KONARK TEMPLE

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Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) total expenditure so far undertaken by Government in development of the Konark Temple as one of the 17 iconic sites in the country;
- (b) the actual funds spent for its development in a year-wise format since the announcement of Konark Temple as an iconic site;
- (c) the reasons for the low expenditure so far in this regard by the Central Government; and
- (d) by when, major developmental work for this will be started?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) regularly undertakes conservation and maintenance of the Sun Temple, Konark, Odisha. The year wise detail of expenditure incurred during the last five years on maintenance and conservation of Sun Temple, Konark by ASI is as under:

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Expenditure incurred (Rs. In Crore)	1.52	1.14	1.45	2.32	2.71

No expenditure has been done by the Ministry of Tourism on Konark Temple.
