

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

Renovation of Jagannath Temple

†3146. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jagannath temple in Odisha is on high risk and if so, the details thereof along with the nature of such risk;
- (b) whether repairing work of Jagannath temple has been completed and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to address the problems being faced by the tourists due to on going maintenance and repair work of Jagannath temple;
- (d) the existing rules for devotees to reach the sanctum sanctorum of the temple; and
- (e) whether these rules have been amended/proposed to be amended and new rules have been adopted for entry of devotees in the temple and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF
STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No Madam. Jagannath temple in Odisha is in a good state of preservation.
- (b) Conservation work of protected monuments including Jagannath temple is a continuous process. The essential repair work to main shrine and surrounding sub-shrines is attended regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the requirements of different shrines and availability of resources.
- (c) Presently there is no such problem. Full care of visitors is taken, while executing any required work, by avoiding peak hours of visitors and cordoning the area properly.
- (d) ASI does not interfere in the religious practices followed by temple management authorities.
& There are no restrictions to devotees to reach to the sanctum sanctorum except during routine
- (e) rituals and religious performance by the priests.