

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1799  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020

CONSERVATION OF KONARK SUN TEMPLE

1799. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the World Heritage Monument the Konark Sun Temple of Odisha is facing conservation problems like saline ingress, water logging, erosion and other vegetative intrusions;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has come up with a master plan for comprehensive preservation of the Konark Sun temple; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is well aware about these problems, which have been addressed appropriately such as chemical preservation to counter the effect of saline ingress as well as micro vegetation growth, effective drainage system to prevent water logging and plantation of trees around the monument to check the effects of erosion.
- (b) Conservation work of protected monuments including Sun Temple, Konark & is a continuous process and ASI is taking due care regularly for its
- (c) conservation, preservation and environmental development. Due to regular efforts of ASI it is in a good state of preservation.