

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4284  
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KONARK TEMPLE  
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

- (a) whether a long term conservation and sustainable development strategy for the Konarki Temple has been drawn up by experts to protect it from depletion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study has been made in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the out come there of ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE ( SHRI ANANTH KUMAR )

- (a) Yes, sir.
- (b) The strategy includes studies to assess the structural stability of the Sun Temple and measures for its maintenance, structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development.
- (c)&(d) The Central Building Resea4rch Institute, Roorkee has conducted a study of the stone, soil and structural stability of the monument. The studies will be placed before a Task Force Committee to decide upon the strategy to be adopted for the conservation measures of the Konark Temple. It will not be possible to indicate a time-frame in this regard.