

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2057
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CONDITION OF SUN TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry is aware that stones are coming off from famous Konark Temple of Odisha on a large scale;
- (b) whether the State Government has drawn the attention of Central Government towards this serious issue;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to reintroduce the practice of regular sun worship by making foolproof arrangements of security of famous and scared Sun Temple; and
- (d) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) No such incident has taken place at Konark Temple of Odisha in the recent past.
- (b) A communication in this regard was received from State Government and it had been informed that no such incident has taken place.
- (c) There is no proposal to reintroduce the practice of regular sun worship at the Sun Temple, Konark.
- (d) Does not arise.