GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5468 ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011 LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW IN HISTORICAL CAVES Bhoi Shri Sanjay

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the damage caused to the Khandagiri-Udayagiri Caves at Bhubaneshwar while hosting a light and sound show has been rectified;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not; the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to use a technology that will not cause any damage to the monuments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b) The damage caused to the Khandagiri-Udayagiri caves at Bhubaneshwar while hosting a light and sound show has been assessed by a technical committee and work for the removal of fitting and fixtures including rectification of damage has been assigned to the Science Branch of Archaeological Survey of India.

(c) & (d) At this stage, no such specific proposal is under consideration, however, all precautions are being taken to rectify the damages.