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CONSERVATION OF SUN TEMPLE AT KONARK
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) proposes to take steps for a permanent solution to conservation problems of the Sun Temple at Konark viz., saline action, waterlogging, mechanical erosion and vegetative intrusions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the follow-up action including short term and long term conservation measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Conservation work of monuments including Sun Temple at Konark is a continuous process which is attended regularly depending upon the need of repairs, availability of resources and as per archaeological norms and principles. For control of saline action, trees have been grown in peripheral area. The drainage arrangement has been made in the temple complex to prevent waterlogging. Guard railing has been provided at appropriate locations to keep visitors away to prevent mechanical erosion. In addition, the work for conducting various studies and investigations related to Sun Temple, Konark has been assigned to Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee. Scaffolding materials have been procured for replacement of old one. Essential conservation measures are taken as and when necessity arises and the monument is in a good state of preservation.