

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:821
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INCIDENT AT JAGANNATH PURI TEMPLE
Panda Shri Baijayant

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has examined and submitted a report on the incident of stone crashing down from the Jagannath Puri temple in Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings of ASI along with the time frame for undertaking the repair works of the temple?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)& (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted preliminary investigations and it has been found that recently a chunk of plaster got disintegrated from the western part of the Kalasa region at top of the Sikhara due to vibrations caused by unfurling of flags attached to Kalasa, frequent climbing of Sevayats to hoist the flags and decay of plaster over a period of time. All efforts are being made to complete the work expeditiously.