

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6577  
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MAINTENANCE OF SUN GOD TEMPLE  
Pradhan Shri Nityananda

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the famous Sun God Temple in Odisha has not been maintained by the Government/ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the State Government of Odisha has made any request for carrying out necessary repairs to the temple;
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon so far;
- (e) whether the Government/ ASI proposes to make some regular arrangements to ensure better up-keep of the above temple; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a)&(b) No Madam. The Sun Temple Konark in Odisha is a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and conservation/maintenance work of it is attended regularly.
- (c) Yes Madam.
- (d) Full care is being taken by the ASI for the upkeep and protection of the Temple Konark in Odisha.
- (e)&(f) Conservation work of the monuments including Sun Temple Konark is a continuous process which is executed by ASI as per the resources available. In addition CBRI Roorkee, has been assigned the work of structural investigations. The work of peripheral development is taken up by Indian Oil Foundation under National Culture Fund, to be controlled and supervised by the ASI.