

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1500  
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PROTECTION OF SUN TEMPLE  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Sun Temple at Konark is reportedly developing cracks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has conducted any survey of the monument; and
- (d) if so, the steps, taken by ASI for proper maintenance and preservation of the monument?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The conservation experts and scientists of the Archaeological Survey of India alongwith the concerned officers of the State Government of Orissa have recently conducted a detailed survey of the Sun Temple, Konark and found that no cracks are developing in the monument. The monument is well conserved and preserved.