

**Title:** \*Need to declare the old Bhubaneswar area as a heritage zone and strictly prohibit construction of high-rise buildings around these sites.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, most of the monuments located in the cultural city of Bhubaneswar are facing the risk of being overshadowed by the high-rise buildings. Many temples are virtually facing the prospect of going into oblivion. In a question answered by the Minister of Culture, he said that the Central Government declared an area of 100 metres around the protected monuments as prohibited for construction and mining purposes. However, high-rise buildings are coming up even within 20 metres to 80 metres of these monuments. I appeal to the Government of India to declare the old Bhubaneswar area, which is full of very ancient and architecturally beautiful temples, as a heritage zone, and to strictly prohibit construction of high-rise buildings around those temples.