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Title: Need to expedite repair and restoration work of Jagmohan, the assembly hall of Sanctum sanctorum of Jagannath Temple in Puri.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam Speaker, Lord Jagannath Temple at Purushottam Puri was erected during the 11<sup>th</sup> Century and has undergone a lot of repair before Independence and also after Independence. The Archaeological Survey of India is in-charge of maintaining the structure. The Archaeological Survey of India, in its recent survey, found some reparable structural damages in the Jagmohan, the assembly hall adjoining the *Sanctum Sanctorum* of the iconic Jagannath Temple in Purushottam Puri.

They started repairing work to ensure longevity of the structure. However, the repair and restoration work of the ASI is not up to the required standard despite the fact that the Government of Odisha has extended every possible support and assistance to it.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to ensure that the repair and restoration work of Jagmohan is up to the required standard and the work is expedited to avoid inconvenience to the devotees. There was a time bound proposal that by this month it must be over, but that is getting delayed. And the work that is being done is also not of required standard.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to look into this aspect at the earliest and take adequate steps in that regard. Thank you.

SHRI PINAKI MISRA (PURI): Madam Speaker, I would like to add my voice to support what Shri Mahtab has said.

HON. SPEAKER: All right. Shri Pinaki Misra, Shri Sharad Tripathi, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena, Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra, Dr. Prabhas Kumar Singh, Shri Sudheer Gupta, Shri Alok Sanjar, and Shri Rodmal Nagar are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.