

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:929
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2003
DAMAGE TO KONARK TEMPLE
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

the steps being taken by the Government to check the damage caused to Konark Temple by the sea breeze and sand ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTUR (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

The green belt along the sea coast and the garden around the temple have considerably checked the damage caused to Konark Temple by the sea breeze and sand. Besides, the Archaeological Survey of India periodically undertakes conservation measures to remove injurious salts from the stone fabric of the temple and coats it with preservative to minimize the damage.