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Title : Need to sanction funds for renovation of Nrusinghanath Temple including facility of rope ladder between Nrusinghanath and Harishankar temples in Orissa.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (SAMBALPUR): Nrusinghanath temple is situated

on Gandhmardhan Hill in Orissa. This temple was built during 12th Century A.D. Thousands of devotees from all over Orissa and Chattisgarh come every year to this temple to worship Lord Nrusinghanath. An annual congregation is held every year where lakhs of people gather for a Darshan of the Lord. Thus this temple has been an attraction of the pilgrims, particularly, the Varwasi since centuries. But due to poor maintenance, the structure of the temple has started weakening and few years back a crack developed in the body of the temple. Though, the Archaeological Department did some repair work still a thorough renovation has become highly necessary.

The Gandhmardhan Hill is a divider between districts Bargarh and Bolaangir. Whereas on the one side Nrusinghanath is situated, on the other side of the hill a famous Harishankar Temple is located which also attracts lakhs of pilgrims. But there is no sufficient infrastructural development in that place to facilitate better tourism.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Ministry of Tourism and Culture to (i) sanction the required amount for total renovation of the Nrusinghanath Temple and the Archaeological Survey of India be asked to take up the work, (ii) provision may please be made by the Tourism Ministry of Government of India for providing rope ladder facility from Nrusinghanath to Harishankar which will help prospect of tourism in that area.