

[डा. किरोड़ी लाल मीणा]

जल हेतु करीबन 17 हजार करोड़ केवल पेयजल परियोजना के क्रियान्वयन के लिए है। इस दृष्टि से भारत सरकार के पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता मंत्रालय को दिनांक 6.12.2017 को परियोजना के क्रियान्वयन हेतु ब्राह्म सहायता वित्त पोषण के प्रस्ताव राज्य सरकार की ओर से केन्द्र सरकार को भेजे जा चुके हैं। यह पूर्वी राजस्थान नहर परियोजना (ERCP) पूर्वी राजस्थान के 13 जिलों की जीवनदायनी योजना है।

अतः राज्य में पेयजल की भीषण समस्या एवं सिंचित क्षेत्र बढ़ाये जाने की दृष्टि से व्यापक जनहित में केन्द्र सरकार इसे राष्ट्रीय परियोजना घोषित कर बाह्य सहायता वित्त पोषित कराने हेतु आवश्यक कार्यवाही अमल में लाये।

**Demand to take steps for the conservation, preservation and safety
of Konark Sun Temple in Odisha**

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (Odisha): Sir, the Sun Temple at Konark in Odisha is a world heritage monument which was built in 13th century A.D. by King Narasingh Deva I of the Ganga dynasty. It was dedicated to the Sun God Surya and is famous in the world for its sculptural and ornamental work. Presently, what remains of the temple complex has the appearance of a 100 feet chariot with immense wheels and horses, all carved from stone. The main temple has collapsed, but, the “Jagamohan” is intact. The structures and elements that have survived are famed for their intricate work, iconography and themes. It is a classic illustration of the Odisha style of architecture. It has been declared as World Heritage Monument by UNESCO in 1984.

The ASI is the custodian of the monument since 1939. In the meantime, there has been lot of uproar on issue of ASI replacing old ornate stone with plain stone and also the preservation of the stone carvings is far from satisfactory. It is alleged that forty per cent of the carved stone have been replaced with plain stone.

I would like to know from the Union Government the follow up action taken by ASI on the recommendations of international seminars held in the year 1997 and 2010, for conservation, preservation and safety of the world heritage Sun Temple at Konark.

I urge upon the hon. Minister of Culture to take concerted efforts through the ASI to prevent further destruction of the temple and save this World Heritage Monument. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you Acharyaji. Now, the House stands adjourned till 11:00 hours on Monday, the 24th June, 2019.

*The House then adjourned at eight minutes past five of
the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday,
the 24th June, 2019.*