

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

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ANSWERED ON

DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF QUTUB MINAR .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to the failure of drainage system of the Qutub Minar few years back it has started tilting and department came to know about it two years ago;
- (b) whether the drainage system of Qutub Minar has been repaired;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India had asked Survey of India to conduct a survey in November, 2009;
- (d) if so, the report thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by Government for the safety of Qutub Minar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) No, Sir. No such incident has taken place.

(b) The drainage system of Qutub Minar is properly maintained and kept in functional condition.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Survey of India team has conducted the survey in the months of November – December 2009 and the report of the same is awaited.

(e) Essential measures for safety, security and conservation of the monument are taken regularly depending upon the availability of resources and it is in a good state of preservation.

A Note on Survey on Qutub Minar

The Survey of India has conducted geodetic survey of Qutub Minar in the year 2005 at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to study its verticality. In its report submitted to ASI last year, the Survey of India has not concluded any tilt. However, as advised by it to collect high frequency data, ASI has assigned the task of conducting geodetic survey of the Qutub Minar every year to the Survey of India.