

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.307
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.2.2018

FACILITIES AROUND THE QUTAB MINAR

307. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN;

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Qutub Minar complex is the most visited archaeological monument and heritage site in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the year – wise statistics of the tourists who visited the said monument during the past three years;
- (c) whether the monument displays the happy fusion of the Hindu and Afghani architectural styles with stripping from other monuments as well as the Iron Pillar translocated from Udaigiri and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has provided basic amenities to the visiting tourists around this monument and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there is any damage caused to the sand – stone due to excessive pollution and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes Madam, Qutb Minar complex is one of the most visited archaeological monuments in the country.
- (b) The details are at Annexure.
- (c) There is no archaeological evidence of the original location of Iron Pillar The Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque makes the beginning of Islamic architecture in India, an inscription on lintel of entrance recording materials from other buildings used in construction, but no evidence of their names or location.
- (d) The Archaeological Survey of India has provided basic amenities like toilet, drinking water, signages, ramps, braille texts, free wi-fi facilities and illumination.
- (e) No, Madam.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA
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DETAIL OF FOOTFALL AT QUTB MINAR DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

Footfall at Qutb Minar	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Indian visitor	3262082	3443930	3017380
Foreigner visitor	289687	300481	258727
Total	3551769	3744411	3276107