

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5401  
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QUTUB MINAR IN DARKNESS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Qutub Minar in Delhi remained without electricity for a few months in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not supplying electricity to this historical monuments;
- (c) when was the electricity restored; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure that such a situation does not arise in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation Ltd. who look after the illumination of Qutub Minar have informed that illumination casts a financial burden on Delhi Tourism and as no provision is made in the plan budget of Government of Delhi, illumination is suspended.
- (c) Electricity was restored temporarily during the Qutub festival in September, 2002.
- (d) Examination of proposals to allow sponsors to finance the cost of electricity and annual maintenance charges is underway.