

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2914
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CONSERVATION OF QUTUB MINAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has taken over the conservation and maintenance work of the Qutub Minar in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount earmarked/spent so far on the conservation and illumination of Qutub Minar;
- (d) whether the monument has been opened for public viewing at night;
- (e) if not, the current status of the illumination work and by when it is likely to be completed;
- (f) whether any proposal of giving proper publicity of Qutub Minar in Indian flights is under consideration; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the steps initiated in that regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a),(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 184.00 lakhs has been allocated for the maintenance, conservation and environmental development of Qutab Minar, Delhi for the last four years including the current year. For illumination, the amount of Rs. 71.10 lakhs has been released.
- (d) The complex is already open. The Qutab Minar is, however, closed for going upstairs.
- (e) The work has already been undertaken.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) The details are under formulation.