

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH ON IRON PILLAR  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a panel of scientists has recommended more research on the iron pillar in Qutab Minar premises;
- (b) if so, details thereof: and
- (c) the Government's reaction thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) In 1998, a Department of Science and Technology project for non-destructive evaluation of Iron Pillar by Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam was undertaken. Scientists of Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur were also associated with the research work. Scientists of the above organizations have suggested further research on the iron pillar in a meeting held on March, 11, 2005. However, no formal request has yet been received by the Government in this regard.

(c) In case a proposal is received for further research by non-destructive testing on the iron pillar, it will be considered on scientific research requirements.