GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE **LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:81 ANSWERED ON:03.03.2010 GEODETIC SURVEY OF QUTUB MINAR Roy Shri Nripendra Nath

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any geodetic survey of Qutub Minar;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by the government on the findings of the said survey;
- (c) the funds sanctioned and utilised during the last three years and the current year for the maintenance and protection of Qutub Minar, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to protect and preserve the historical monument?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 81 FOR 03.03.2010

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Survey of India has conducted geodetic survey of Qutub Minar in the year 2005 at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India to study its verticality.
- (b) In the report submitted to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) by Survey of India in 2008, no tilt to Qutub Minar has been concluded. In the findings it was suggested to collect high frequency data by taking geodetic observations every year. Accordingly ASI has again assigned the task of conducting geodetic survey of Qutub Minar to Survey of India in the last year. The Survey of India team has conducted the survey in the month of November - December 2009 and the report is awaited.
- (c) The details of expenditure incurred during the last three years and allocation for the current financial year for conservation of Qutub Minar are as under:

(Amount in Rupees) Sl.No. Year Expenditure

- 1. 2006-07 31,88,061
- 2. 2007-08 42,19,041 3. 2008-09 54,67,413
- 4. 2009-2010 2,20,00,000 (Allocation)
- (d) Measures for protection and conservation of the monument are taken regularly depending upon the availability of resources and it is in a good state of preservation.