

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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IDOLS/SYMBOLS IN QUTUB MINAR  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Idols/Symbols of different religions recovered from the foundation of the Qutub Minar;
- (b) whether the Idols/Symbols have been preserved in National Museum; and
- (c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to protect and preserve the objects of antiquity and historical importance?

**Answer**

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

(a) Idols/symbols representing Hinduism, Jainism and Islam have been found during the development works undertaken in the past from the Qutb Minar Complex, from time to time.

(b)&(c) While only a few of the intact sculptures are preserved with the National Museum, the remaining fragmentary sculptures and the architectural members are safely preserved at Qutb complex so that these are studied and interpreted in their original archaeological context.