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MINAR MISSING FROM RED FORT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that one of the Minar of Red Fort in Delhi is missing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time since when the Minar has been found missing;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government/ASI to trace back the missing Minar and the success achieved in this regard;
- (d) the details of security arrangements in the National Heritage like the Red Fort;
- (e) whether responsibility has been fixed on the missing Minar; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to(c) None of the Minars at the Red Fort in Delhi is missing. Only a part of the turret at Delhi Gate is damaged, even before the portion of the Red Fort was brought under the administrative control of Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) from the Army and its protection as per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. Hence, the question of missing portion of Minar does not arise.

(d) Monument Attendants, temporary status employees, private security guards and CISF personnel are deployed at the protected monuments depending upon the sensitivity and availability of manpower. At Red Fort, 46 Monument Attendants, 26 temporary status employees, 115 private security guards and 294 CISF personnel have been deployed for security.

(e)&(f) Since the turret at Delhi Gate of Red Fort was damaged even prior to its handing over to ASI and protection as of national importance, the question of fixing responsibility is difficult.