

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FLIGHTS OVER QUTAB MINAR

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has expressed concern over the frequent passage of planes/flights over Qutab Minar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether vibrations from aircrafts could affect foundations of the monument, one of the tallest in the world, located in a seismic zone;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the ASI has written to the Ministry of Civil Aviation asking it to ensure that low flying planes do not come close to the monument; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Ministry of Civil Aviation thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) & (b) Director General of Archaeological Survey of India had interaction with Director General, Civil Aviation followed by discussion with Structural Engineering Department of Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. Meanwhile Archaeological Survey of India approached Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee (CBRI) for carrying out comprehensive study on effect of vibration on monument. After detailed study undertaken by a team of Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee report has been submitted in January 2012.

(c)&(d) In its report the CBRI team has concluded that aircrafts flying over Qutab Minar do not cause any recognizable vibration in the monument.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.