

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO 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 apprehension of any damage to world heritage Qutub Minar in Delhi as a result of the noise pollution by aeroplane flying over it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation has been requested to take necessary action in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the State-wise details of other historical and world heritage sites in critical condition as a result of noise pollution?

Answer

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

- (a)to(d) Yes, Sir. A number of flights pass close to the Qutub Minar. The Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) has requested the Directorate General, Civil Aviation (DGCA) to look into the matter and take up Environment Impact Study to assess the impact of the flights on the monument. As a follow up action, the DGCA has interacted with the engineering experts of the Indian Institute of Technology and other research institutes. A project is being designed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation/DGCA to evaluate the vibration level prevailing on the structure of Qutub Minar due to flight-movements. Based upon its outcome, corrective measures, if any, would be taken.
- (e) No monument is reported to be in critical condition due to noise pollution.