

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TILTING OF QUTUB MINAR
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the level of tilting UNESCO world heritage monument Qutub Minar is gradually increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to assess the tilt and ensure that it does not aggravate further?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) No, Sir. The Survey of India has conducted geodetic survey of Qutub Minar in the year 2005 at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to study its verticality. In its report submitted to ASI last year, the Survey of India has concluded that there was no tilt. However, as advised by it to collect high frequency data, ASI has assigned the task of conducting geodetic survey of the Qutub Minar, every year, to the Survey of India.

ASI is taking all measures to ensure that no damage is caused to the structure.