

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2747
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th December, 2019

OPENING OF SIACHEN GLACIER FOR TOURISM

2747. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to open the Siachen Glacier for tourism and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government factored in the strategic/tactical/security implications of allowing tourists into this highly sensitive Military area;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of tourists proposed to be permitted daily to access the Siachen Glacier and the extent to which they would be allowed to climb; and
- (e) whether the Government factored its impact on the ecology and on local animal species in the region and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)
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(a) to (e): Selected areas are being identified on case to case basis after due consideration of operational, security and administrative aspects. The number of tourists to be permitted will be considered on case to case basis.

The movement of the civilians to the region will be controlled in a manner, so as to safeguard the ecology and local flora & fauna.
