

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2099  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016

**PUBLIC ACCESS FOR DARSHAN OF AKSHAY VAT**

2099. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received representations from public representatives to allow free access to public / pilgrims inside the Ordnance Depot of the Allahabad fort for darshan of Akshay Vat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In recent past, representations have been received from public representatives Shri Shyama Charan Gupta and Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya.**

**(c) References received from Hon'ble MPs have been replied intimating that 'Akshay Vat Dham Mandir' located in Patalpuri temple in Fort premises is open to public. However, free access to public / pilgrims in other 'Akshay Vat Mandir' located inside the Ordnance Depot Fort premises is not allowed due to security reasons.**

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