

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF AKSHAYAVAT
Karwariya Shri Kapil Muni

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the maintenance and preservation of the historical 'Akshayavat' located inside the Akbar Fort in Allahabad;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to throw open the said famous banyan tree mentioned in Hindu mythology for viewing by the general public after getting this area from Army control;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be thrown open for the general public; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

(a) to (d) The Akshayavat locted in the Allahabad fort, does not come under the purview of the Archaeological Survey of India. Since the Akshayavat is not centrally protected, the question of its maintenance and preservation by ASI does not arise.