

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6199
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AKSHAY VAT IN ALLAHABAD UNDER ARMY
Karwariya Shri Kapil Muni

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ancient 'Akshay Vat' tree is located in the historical fort of Akbar in Allahabad which is under control of the Indian Army;
- (b) whether Indian Army is likely to hand over the historical fort of Akbar to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be handed over to ASI; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam. There are two 'Akshay Vat' trees located in the historical fort of Akbar in Allahabad, also known as OD Fort.
- (b) There is no such proposal to hand over the Fort to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The OD Fort is an important Military installation and hence it would not be feasible to hand over the same to ASI.