

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allow common people / pilgrims inside the O.D. Fort under army situated on the banks of 'Sangam' in Allahabad for darshan of Akshay Vat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): As per the available information, there are two 'Akshay Vat' trees, one in Patalpuri temple and the other in O.D. Fort. Pilgrims have free access to 'Akshay Vat' in Patalpuri temple. The tree located inside the OD Fort premises is maintained by the Army. Free access to Common people / pilgrims inside the OD Fort is not allowed due to security reasons.