

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2986
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OPENING OF QUTUB MINAR FOR PUBLIC
Narhire Smt. Kalpana Ramesh

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to open Qutub Minar Tower for the public;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) There is no such proposal under consideration as on date.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) It is not advisable to keep the tower open for public in view of the large number of tourists and narrow stair cases leading to the upper floors of the Minar. Qutb Minar was closed to public when it had witnessed a tragedy on 04.12.1981 due to a stampede wherein 45 school children had died.