

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2461

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE AUGUST 8TH, 2018/SHRAVANA 17, 1940 (SAKA)

PROTECTION TO AMARNATH YATRIS

2461. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has taken any additional measures to protect the Amarnath yatris in view of the increased terrorist activities in the Valley;

(b) whether any arrangements have been made for the yatris, to take care of their medical requirements and water and food during the yatra; and

(c) whether any air-ambulance has been deployed to take care of contingencies like medical or otherwise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) to (c): Adequate arrangements for safety and security of the pilgrims have been made along the Yatra routes. These include deployment of local police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), upgradation of tracks and fixing railings along the critical stretches of the tracks, installation of ten Automatic Weather Stations, deployment of nine mountain rescue teams, NDRF and SDRF teams on strategic locations, etc. Further, 72 medical camps fully equipped with medical and para medical personnel and the required essential medicines and equipments have been set up at various identified locations keeping in view the availability of required infrastructure like water, shelter sheds/tents, sanitation facilities, etc. at these locations. Adequate arrangements have been made for water supply, foodgrains, langar facilities at various places in the Yatra area. Arrangements for air evacuation of critically sick/injured yatris through helicopters have also been made. In addition, air evacuations are also made by placing requisition to the Indian Air Force during emergencies.
