

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-869**  
ANSWERED ON- 09/02/2023

**KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA 2023**

869. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government would conduct the sacred Kailash Manasarovar Yatra in 2023;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of yatris that would be permitted for the pilgrimage; and
- (c) if not, the advisory of Government for the devotees who wish to perform the pilgrimage?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Ministry of External Affairs organises the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra every year between June and September, through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim, in cooperation with the state governments of Delhi, Uttarakhand and Sikkim and also the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

The number of pilgrims who undertook the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra during the period 2015 to 2019 is as follows:-

Year	Total No. of Yatris
2015	999
2016	983
2017	919
2018	1328
2019	1346

The Government of India does not extend any direct monetary subsidy to individual pilgrims. However, MEA provides assistance, on self-financing basis, to the Yatris undertaking the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra by providing facilities like transportation, accommodation, food, medical tests, guides etc. The Ministry of External Affairs also coordinates with the Government of Peoples' Republic of China as well as various Indian agencies for the smooth conduct of this Yatra. A provision for air-lift of pilgrims by helicopter is also made on the Indian side in case of a medical emergency.

The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra did not take place in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the consequent international travel restrictions. The situation continues. Safety and security of the Yatris is the primary condition which need to be ensured for resumption of the Yatra.

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