

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 110
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2024

KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian passport holders are currently not being permitted to undertake the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra;
- (b) if so, the detailed reasons for this restriction; and
- (c) the details of diplomatic efforts Government is undertaking to resolve this issue and restore access for Indian pilgrims to this site of immense religious significance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 110 FOR REPLY ON 05.12.2024 REGARDING KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA ASKED BY DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI

Government of India (GOI) organises the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra every year between June and September, through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass (since 1981) in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass (since 2015) in Sikkim. The Yatra has not take place since 2020 following the COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent non-renewal of Yatra arrangements by the Chinese side.

Indian side has taken up the issue of resumption of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra with the Chinese side in its diplomatic engagements. Most recently, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met China's Foreign Minister, Mr. Wang Yi on the sidelines of G-20 Summit on 18 November 2024 in Rio de Janerio. The resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra was discussed in the meeting.
