

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1870
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

Haj Pilgrimage

1870. SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pilgrims who have gone to Haj during the last three years;
- (b) whether number of pilgrims visiting Haj have decreased since the abolishment of subsidy; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a): The details of India's Haj quota and number of pilgrims proceeded for Haj during the last three years, is as follows:-

Year	Total Quota	Haj Committee of India		Haj Group Organisers (Private Tour Operators) Quota
		Quota	Pilgrims proceeded	
2022	79,237*	56,637	56,634	22,600
2023	1,75,025	1,40,020	1,39,429	35,005
2024	1,75,025	1,40,020	1,39,964	35,005

* Reduced number due to COVID

(b) and (c): The number of pilgrims proceeding for Haj has not decreased since the abolishment of Haj subsidy. Haj Committee of India has fully utilised the Haj quota allocated to it every year w.e.f. Haj 2018, (the year when the Haj subsidy was completely withdrawn). In year 2017, only 1,70,025 pilgrims proceeded for Haj, which has increased since then, as per (a) above.
