

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

Haj Pilgrims Permitted to Undertake the Pilgrimage

2829. SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian Haj pilgrims permitted to undertake the pilgrimage each year during the last five years, year-wise, details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to increase the Haj quota for Indian pilgrims in collaboration with the Saudi Arabia, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of applications received for Haj pilgrimage each year during the last five years, and the percentage of applicants who were able to undertake the pilgrimage; and
- (d) whether Government has introduced any new initiatives or facilities to support Haj pilgrims, including financial assistance, travel arrangements, or digital services?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): As per Annexure-I.

(b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs along with the Ministry of External Affairs held several rounds of discussion with the Saudi Authorities regarding increasing the Haj Quota. Further, a meeting of Minister of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India with the Minister of Hajj & Umrah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was held in this context.

(c): As per Annexure – I.

(d): The Government of India implemented significant administrative reforms to prioritize pilgrim comfort and safety. Some recent initiatives include introduction of Haj Suvidha App, Short Hajj option, Life Insurance cover, improved travel and accommodation arrangements, and enhanced medical facilities. Digital services have been expanded through online applications and travel management, digital Qurrah, SMS/email alerts, etc. The Haj Suvidha App, launched by the Government of India, has transformed the Indian Haj pilgrimage through digital innovation. Designed to simplify and enhance the pilgrimage experience, the app offers real-time flight and accommodation info, grievance redressal, emergency SOS, luggage tracking, and spiritual content. Over 67,000 pilgrims used it during Haj 2025. The upgraded Haj Suvidha 2.0 integrates end-to-end services including digital application, payments, e-Health cards, RFID luggage tracking, and navigation in the Mashaer region. Features like a pedometer, weather alerts, Qibla compass, and AI chatbot ensure safety, comfort, and convenience, marking a major leap in tech-enabled pilgrimage management. These reforms and measures have contributed to high satisfaction levels and low mortality during Haj 2025.

Further, the Haj Suvidha smart wrist band is a new initiative by the Government for upcoming Haj 2026 with features like SOS, health alerts, sim support, location tracking etc. for all the pilgrims performing Haj through Haj committee of India in 2026.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2829 FOR ANSWER ON 18.08.2025 REGARDING “HAJ PILGRIMS PERMITTED TO UNDERTAKE THE PILGRIMAGE” ASKED BY SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU

Statement showing the State wise no. of Applications received, Quota and Pilgrims proceeded.																
Sr. No	Name of States/ Union Territory	2021			2022			2023			2024			2025		
		No. of App.	Quota	Pilgrim proceeded	No. of App.	Quota	Pilgrim proceeded	No. of App.	Quota	Pilgrim proceeded	No. of App.	Quota	Pilgrim proceeded	No. of App.	Quota	Pilgrim proceeded
1	Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	27	Haj Cancelled due to COVID-19	Haj Cancelled due to COVID-19	136	114	102	157	157	148	135	135	128	113	113	112
2	Andhra Pradesh	880			1622	1201	1151	2323	2323	2062	2902	2902	2499	1991	1991	1607
3	Assam (*)	2397			4292	3544	3216	6302	6302	6062	3905	3905	3682	2779	2779	2517
4	Bihar	1660			3037	2210	1889	5638	5638	5255	3822	3822	3508	2673	2673	2376
5	Chandigarh (UT)	6			29	25	17	37	37	35	43	43	40	37	37	33
6	Chattisgarh	327			535	431	380	1232	649	691	925	693	735	773	601	655
7	Dadra nagar Haveli (UT)	19			17	17	17	68	68	67	23	23	23	42	42	44
8	Daman & Diu (UT)	7			18	17	15	29	29	27	34	34	29	27	27	18
9	Delhi (NCT)	1303			2003	835	942	4110	2540	2675	4084	3022	3201	3557	2702	2856
10	Goa	68			78	67	54	139	139	117	193	193	162	97	97	79
11	Gujarat	5317			7878	2533	2944	20947	8906	9878	20469	13310	14269	24484	15925	16986
12	Haryana	510			1326	617	706	1932	1731	1792	1477	1461	1343	1301	1284	1182
13	Himachal Pradesh	14			41	38	38	74	74	66	85	85	79	59	59	48
14	Jammu & Kashmir	8017			12206	5281	5787	14217	11461	12042	8017	8017	6981	4313	4313	3582
15	Jharkhand	1030			1965	1559	1423	2901	2901	2740	1874	1874	1716	1419	1419	1298
16	Karnataka	2223			4944	2764	3062	8148	7950	7120	13318	10168	10761	11007	8723	8633
17	Kerala	6506			13802	5274	5663	19524	10331	11220	24784	16776	17884	20636	14594	15953
18	Lakshadeep (UT)	153			172	159	142	164	164	163	98	98	92	110	110	111

19	Madhya Pradesh	2893			4142	1780	2119	10606	5898	6370	9229	6790	7200	9891	7150	7963
20	Maharashtra	7055			11351	4874	5793	23982	15033	16055	27283	19649	20888	23395	17412	18808
21	Manipur	388			396	335	293	808	344	368	554	390	402	491	491	456
22	Odisha	265			545	466	379	942	922	883	586	586	521	442	442	384
23	Puducherry (UT)	21			61	52	43	86	86	83	98	98	78	102	102	90
24	Punjab	61			259	218	190	308	308	288	256	256	246	334	334	308
25	Rajasthan	1588			3194	2072	2240	6181	6165	5867	4208	4208	3935	3802	3802	3375
26	Tamil Nadu	1212			2687	1498	1659	4552	4286	4022	7132	5446	5773	6915	5263	5719
27	Tripura	72			127	108	100	165	165	163	110	110	108	44	44	42
28	Uttar Pradesh	6391			10994	8701	7405	26786	26786	24840	19702	19702	17790	15457	15457	13594
29	Uttrakhand	710			879	485	556	1720	1469	1525	1163	1152	1039	1011	1004	909
30	West Bengal	3677			7649	5911	5181	10935	10935	10435	5938	5938	5567	5404	5404	4942
31	Telangana	3757			5188	1822	2136	8659	5282	5594	11313	7811	8308	9011	6548	6713
32	UT Ladakh	97			253	216	202	475	475	452	357	357	336	259	259	238
33	Mehram(*)					500						500			500	
34	GQ + HC					500	424									
35	Next of Kin															
36	KH					377	366		466	324		466	641		817	791
37	Qouta Increase					36										
38	Nepal															
39	PTO															
	Total	58651			101826	56637	56634	184147	140020	139429	174117	140020	139964	151976	122518	122422
	Qouta returned to MOMA								300							
	Total								139720							