

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-557
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 24/07/2025

KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA

557. SMT. SULATA DEO

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

whether Government proposes to provide financial assistance or subsidies to support economically weaker pilgrims undertaking the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, considering the high cost and difficult terrain involved, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

Ministry of External Affairs is organising the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2025 between June and August, 2025 through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim, in cooperation with the state governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim and also the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

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 Mansarovar 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.
