

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2170**  
ANSWERED ON 06/08/2026

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA**

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance, subsidy or reimbursement to Indian pilgrims undertaking the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, particularly senior citizens and economically weaker sections;
- (b) If not, the reasons therefor.

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Ministry of External Affairs organizes the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra between June and August, through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim, in cooperation with the state governments of Uttarakhand and Sikkim.

The Government of India does not extend any direct monetary subsidy to individual pilgrims. However, Ministry of External Affairs facilitates the Yatris, on self-financing basis, with respect to services such as transportation, accommodation, food, medical tests, guides, etc. The Ministry of External Affairs also coordinates with the Government of the People's Republic of China as well as various Indian agencies for the smooth conduct of this Yatra.

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