

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2945
ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026

COMMITTEE OF KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA

2945 SMT. SULATA DEO

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government has considered constituting a High-Level Committee to review all aspects of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, including cost, infrastructure, safety, medical support, insurance, financial assistance and pilgrim welfare, with a view to making the pilgrimage more affordable, accessible and safe for Indian citizens; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof and 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 has been organizing Kailash Mansarovar Yatra in cooperation with the State Governments of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Sikkim, along with Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and other concerned agencies of Government of India, through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand (since 1981) and Nathu la Pass in Sikkim (since 2015).

Ministry of External Affairs has taken several measures to make the pilgrimage affordable, accessible and safe for Indian citizens. MEA coordinates with the Government of the People's Republic of China as well as various Indian agencies for the smooth conduct of this yatra. Medical tests are conducted for yatis to ensure their fitness for high altitude endurance. A provision for air-lift of pilgrims by helicopter is also made on the Indian side in case of a medical emergency. Road connectivity has been established in recent years to facilitate movement of the Yatis to Lipulekh Pass in vehicles. The facilities (transports/lodging/food, etc.) are being upgraded on a continuous basis along the entire route of the Yatra to ensure safe and secure travel by the Yatis.

Private tour operators too organise Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through Nepal. Government's approval is not required for Indian citizens to undertake the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through third countries including from Nepal. The Embassy of India in Kathmandu maintains effective coordination with Nepali authorities and other stakeholders to ensure the safety and well-being of Indian pilgrims. This includes activities such as timely evacuation, shelter, medical treatment and other support, to Indian nationals, wherever required.
