

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 562
ANSWERED ON 23/07/2026

KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA

562 SMT. SUDHA MURTHY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian pilgrims who have undertaken the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra since its resumption in 2025 and the number of batches organised annually;
- (b) the facilities and logistical arrangements currently provided to pilgrims undertaking the Yatra, including medical assistance, accommodation and travel support;
- (c) Whether any assessment has been undertaken of the experience of pilgrims recently; and
- (d) Whether Government proposes to strengthen emergency medical response systems for high-altitude travel and explore measures to make the pilgrimage more accessible for senior citizens and pilgrims requiring additional support?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) In 2025, 688 pilgrims visited Kailash Manasarovar by participating in the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra organised by MEA. Five batches travelled through the Lipulekh pass in Uttarakhand and 10 batches through the Nathu La Pass in Sikkim. In 2026, arrangements have been made for a total of 1000 yatris to travel in 10 batches through the Lipulekh pass in Uttarakhand and 10 batches through the Nathu La Pass in Sikkim.

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.

Two Liaison officers from the Central and State governments are appointed for each batch. The Liaison Officers stay in touch with Indian and Chinese authorities concerned and seek assistance in case of any emergency for the safety and well-being of Yatris.

Medical tests are conducted for yatris to ensure their fitness for high altitude endurance. In addition, each batch of the yatris is briefed by MEA on the necessary safety measures and precautions required to be followed by the Yatris to ensure a smooth yatra. A provision for air-lift of pilgrims by helicopter is also made on the Indian side in case of a medical emergency. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) provides assistance to Yatris on the Indian side.

Feedback obtained from yatris on the website and through email is systematically analysed and suitable suggestions are incorporated to improve facilities and services.

Road connectivity has been established in recent years to facilitate movement of the Yatris 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 a safe and secure travel by the Yatris.
