

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

SUBSIDY TO PILGRIMS

†1729. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides subsidy to perform pilgrimage to the pilgrim sites located in foreign countries on the lines of 'Haj Yatra';**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

(a) to (c) No, the Government of India does not provide subsidy to perform pilgrimage to other pilgrim sites or religious shrines located in foreign countries on the lines similar to the Haj Pilgrimage.

The Government facilitates visa for Indian pilgrims travelling to Nankana Sahib and other shrines in Pakistan and Kailash Manasarovar in Tibet Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China in coordination with the respective foreign Governments.
