

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6205
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018

KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA

6205. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is allowing pilgrims to undertake Kailash Manasarovar Yatra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the facilities and assistance being extended by the Union Government to undertake Kailash Manasarovar Yatra;
- (d) the total number of pilgrims who undertook Kailash Manasarovar Yatra during the last three years; and
- (e) the procedure/guidelines laid down by the Government to allow pilgrims to undertake Kailash Manasarovar Yatra?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra 2018 is scheduled to take place through Lipulekh route in Uttarakhand and Nathu La route in Sikkim. There will be 18 batches of 60 Yatris each in Lipulekh route and 10 batches of 50 Yatris each in Nathu La route. The Ministry of External Affairs has been organizing the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra during June to September every year. The Ministry of External Affairs provides assistance, on self-financing basis, to the Yatris undertaking the Kailash Manasarovar 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.

(d) The total number of pilgrims who undertook the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Number of pilgrims
2015	999
2016	983
2017	919

(e) The Ministry of External Affairs maintains a website at <https://kmy.gov.in> which facilitates paperless online application for the

Yatra. The website contains data on various aspects of the Yatra. Information to the Yatris is also available through an Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) maintained by the Ministry of External Affairs and the National Informatics Centre.
