

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.861
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

IRREGULARITIES IN VEHICLE PERMIT TO VISIT ROHTANG PASS

861. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourism department is aware of the vehicle permit required to see Rohtang Pass near Manali, Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with procedure laid down to give daily permit to vehicles by the authorities;**
- (c) whether irregularities have been noticed/reported in distribution of such vehicle permits to visit Rohtang Pass and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaints and has taken note of the news recently published in some renowned news papers regarding irregularities found in distribution of permits to vehicles visiting Rohtang Pass; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) and (b): Yes Madam. Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA No.237/2013, permits are issued online, through the dedicated portal, to the vehicles visiting Rohtang Pass. Average number of 1200 permits are issued per day (excluding Tuesdays, being maintenance day) as per the details given below-

- 1. 800 Permits per day - Petrol Vehicles.**
- 2. 400 Permits per day - Diesel Vehicles.**

- 3. The permit portal opens at 10 AM and 4 PM daily.**
- 4. In addition to the above 1200 permits, 100 Special Permits per day are being issued as per the directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal. Out of this, 75 permits (vehicles of the state) & 25 permits (Intrastate vehicles coming to Kullu district) are issued.**
- 5. Any person can apply for the permit online by furnishing required details like registration number, type of vehicle and name of driver etc.**

(c): Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that there have been some complaints of technical issues with the online permit portal, with respect to the double debit of permit fee or heavy congestion at the permit portal etc. which were resolved expeditiously.

(d) and (e): Ministry of Tourism has not received any such complaint.
