

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1788
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

SUBSIDY TO PILGRIMS OF MANSAROVAR YATRA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pilgrims who visited Kailash Mansarovar during the last five years till date; and**
- (b) the amount spent/subsidy provided by the Government during the last three years?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) & (b) Ministry of External Affairs organises the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra every year between June and September, through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim, in cooperation with the state governments of Delhi, Uttarakhand and Sikkim and also the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

The Government of India does not extend any direct monetary subsidy to individual pilgrims. However, 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. A provision for air-lift of pilgrims by helicopter is also made on the Indian side in case of a medical emergency.

The Kailash manasarovar Yatra did not take place in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the consequent international travel restrictions.

The number of pilgrims who undertook the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra during the period 2015 to 2019 is as follows:-

Year	Total No. of Yatris
2015	999
2016	983
2017	919
2018	1328
2019	1346
