## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2694 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019

### **SUBSIDY TO PILGRIMS OF MANSAROVAR YATRA**

## †2694. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI: SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide subsidy to the pilgrims for Mansarovar Yatra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the pilgrims who had performed Mansarovar Yatra in the year 2018-19 have availed the benefit under the said scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details of the facilities likely to be provided to the pilgrims under the said scheme?

#### **ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (c) The Government of India does not extend any direct monetary subsidy to individual pilgrims for the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra. However, the Ministry of External Affairs provides assistance, on self-financing basis, to the Yatris undertaking the Kailash Mansarovar 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.