

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4649
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020**

OPENING OF MOUNTAIN PEAKS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

4649. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to open a large number of mountains/peaks for foreign nationals for trekking and mountaineering;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to firm up adventure tourism efforts and arrange trained professionals for the purpose in order to avoid accidents?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a): Ministry of Home Affairs, on 13.08.2019 opened 137 Peaks located in the 4 states viz. Uttarakhand (51 Peaks), Sikkim (10 Peaks), Jammu & Kashmir (15 Peaks), & Himachal Pradesh (47 Peaks) to foreigners desirous of obtaining Mountaineering Visa ('MX) for climbing / trekking subject to necessary clearances by appropriate authorities for issue of Inner Line Permits / Protected Area Permits /Restricted Area Permits, as the case may be & clearance by security agencies.

Thereafter on 04.09.2019, the Ministry of Home Affairs deleted 14 Peaks located in the State of Sikkim from the above list of total 137 peaks.

(b): The details of State-wise list of Mountaineering and Trekking Peaks in Indian Himalaya is Annexed.

(c): Ministry of Tourism has recognized 'Adventure Tourism' as a 'Niche Tourism' product to promote India as a 365 days' destination and attract tourists with specific interest. A Task Force on Adventure Tourism has been set up in October 2016 to act as a forum for resolving issues related to development and promotion of Adventure Tourism in the country. The year 2018 was declared and promoted as the 'Year of Indian Adventure'. MoT under its voluntary scheme grants Approval to bonafide Adventure Tour Operators as per Guidelines. Adventure Tourism is regularly highlighted for promotion as part of the Incredible India Campaign in the print, electronic, online and outdoor media in India and abroad as well as at the various tourism exhibitions.

Ministry of Tourism along with the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) has launched the "Indian Adventure Tourism Guidelines (Version 2.0) – 2018" on 'Safety and Quality Norms for Adventure Tourism in India'. The guidelines list the basic minimum standards for adventure tourism and cover 31 land, air and water-based activities. All the State Governments / UT Administrations have been advised to adopt and implement these Guidelines.

Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering (IISM) at Gulmarg, under Ministry of Tourism offers regular short term courses for youths to get training in Snow Skiing, Trekking, Parasailing, Water skiing etc. The IISM has also taken initiative to expand its activities in the Jammu & Ladakh region.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4649 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020 REGARDING OPENING OF MOUNTAIN PEAKS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS**

List of 123 mountain peaks opened by Ministry of Home Affairs for mountaineering /trekking

S. No.	Name of the Peaks	Height in Meters	Purpose
UTTARAKHAND (Total 51 Peaks)			
1.	Avalanche	6443	Mountaineering
2.	Bhrigupanth	6772	Mountaineering
3.	Bharigu Parbat	6041	Mountaineering
4.	Kalidhang	6375	Mountaineering
5.	Yanbuk	5953	Trekking
6.	Ratangarian	5858	Trekking
7.	Chirbas Parbat	6529	Mountaineering
8.	Mahalaya Parbat	5947	Trekking
9.	Rudugaira	5819	Trekking
10.	Balakun	6471	Mountaineering
11.	Banderpunch West	6102	Mountaineering
12.	Bewtarholi	6352	Mountaineering
13.	Betartholi South	6318	Mountaineering
14.	Bhagnyu	5706	Trekking
15.	Garur Parbat	6504	Mountaineering
16.	Garur Forked	6267	Mountaineering
17.	Kalanka	6931	Mountaineering
18.	Parbati Parbat	6257	Mountaineering
19.	Pawagarh	5306	Trekking
20.	Purbi Dunagiri	6489	Mountaineering
21.	Rishi Pahar	6992	Mountaineering
22.	Narayan Parbat	5965	Trekking
23.	Nar Parbat	5855	Trekking
24.	Black Peak	6387	Mountaineering
25.	Dangthal	6050	Mountaineering
26.	Devasthan-I	6678	Mountaineering
27.	Devistan-II	6529	Mountaineering
28.	Devtoli	6788	Mountaineering
29.	Dunagiri	7066	Mountaineering
30.	Hardeol	7151	Mountaineering

31.	Janhukot	6806	Mountaineering
32.	Kirti Stambha	6270	Mountaineering
33.	Lamchir	5662	Trekking
34.	Lamchir South	5209	Trekking
35.	Lampak South	6324	Mountaineering
36.	Mahalaya Parbat	5947	Trekking
37.	Manda-I	6568	Mountaineering
38.	Manda-II	6529	Mountaineering
39.	Manda-III	6510	Mountaineering
40.	Nanda Bhanar	6269	Mountaineering
41.	Nanda Khani	6029	Mountaineering
42.	Nanda Lapak	5782	Trekking
43.	Panchachuli-I	6355	Mountaineering
44.	Panchachuli-II	6904	Mountaineering
45.	Panchachuli-III	6312	Mountaineering
46.	Panchachuli-IV	6334	Mountaineering
47.	Panchachuli-V	6437	Mountaineering
48.	Rishi Kot	6236	Mountaineering
49.	SAF Minal	6911	Mountaineering
50.	Srikantha	6133	Mountaineering
51.	Sumeru Parbat	6330	Mountaineering
SIKKIM (Total 10 Peaks)			
52.	Jopono	5936	Trekking
53.	Koktang	6147	Mountaineering
54.	Nepal Peak	7168	Mountaineering
55.	Pyramid Peak	7123	Mountaineering
56.	Talung	7349	Mountaineering
57.	Talung South I	6970	Mountaineering
58.	Talung South II	7388	Mountaineering
59.	Tent Peak	7365	Mountaineering
60.	Tingchenkhang	6010	Mountaineering
61.	Zemu Peak	7038	Mountaineering
JAMMU & KASHMIR (Total 15 Peaks)			
62.	Golapkangri	5900	Trekking
63.	Eiger	6001	Mountaineering
64.	Cerro Kisthwar	6200	Mountaineering
65.	Chomochior	6322	Mountaineering
66.	Kailash	6400	Mountaineering

67.	Agyasol	6200	Mountaineering
68.	Umasi	6020	Mountaineering
69.	Kalidhar, Kishtwar (Spire)	5900	Trekking
70.	Dandagoporum	6100	Mountaineering
71.	Mardi Phabrang	6062	Mountaineering
72.	Tupendu I	5700	Trekking
73.	Tipendu II	5600	Trekking
74.	Kishtwar Shivling	6040	Mountaineering
75.	Tanak Peak	5992	Trekking
76.	Barmal Peak	5813	Trekking
HIMACHAL PRADESH (Total 47 Peaks)			
77.	Kullu Makalu	6350	Mountaineering
78.	Kullu Pumori	6581	Mountaineering
79.	Kullu Eiger	5646	Trekking
80.	Dibibokri Pyramid	6408	Mountaineering
81.	Fluted Peak	6137	Mountaineering
82.	Hunnungma	5952	Trekking
83.	Pyramid	6036	Mountaineering
84.	Parbati South	5806	Trekking
85.	Rubal Kang	6150	Mountaineering
86.	Shigri PARbat	6526	Mountaineering
87.	Snow Cone	6311	Mountaineering
88.	Snow Dome	5980	Trekking
89.	Shitidhar	5294	Trekking
90.	Ashagiri	6100	Mountaineering
91.	CB-17	5875	Trekking
92.	CB-18	5915	Trekking
93.	CB-19	5890	Trekking
94.	CB-48 (Tamoo)	5904	Trekking
95.	CB-49 (Tilakalhar)	5964	Trekking
96.	CB-50	6096	Mountaineering
97.	CB-52	5944	Trekking
98.	CB-53 (Shramili)	6000	Mountaineering
99.	CB-54	6069	Mountaineering
100.	CB-55 (Sharmili)	5956	Trekking
101.	CB-57 (Tapugiri)	5791	Trekking
102.	KR-1	6157	Mountaineering
103.	KR-2	6187	Mountaineering

104.	KR-3	5154	Trekking
105.	KR-4	6340	Mountaineering
106.	KR-5(CB-7)	6258	Mountaineering
107.	KR-6	5187	Trekking
108.	KR-7	6096	Mountaineering
109.	KR-8	6005	Mountaineering
110.	Lalana	6265	Mountaineering
111.	M-1	5730	Trekking
112.	M-2	5925	Trekking
113.	M-3	5925	Trekking
114.	M-4	6571	Mountaineering
115.	M-5	6370	Mountaineering
116.	M-6	6182	Mountaineering
117.	M-7(Taragiri)	6279	Mountaineering
118.	M-8	6069	Mountaineering
119.	M-9	5736	Trekking
120.	M-10	5852	Trekking
121.	Mulkila (M 04)	6517	Mountaineering
122.	T-1	5669	Trekking
123.	T-2	6035	Mountaineering
