

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3142**

**ANSWERED ON- 13/12/2024**

**KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA**

**3142. SHRI MD ABU TAHER KHAN**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-**

- (a) whether the Holy Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is likely to resume in future which was discontinued by the Government due to some unknown reasons since the corona pandemic period in 2019;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be resumed;**
- (c) whether the Indian Government has held any discussion with the Chinese Government about the said Yatra; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a to d) Government of India (GOI) organises the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra every year between June and September, through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass (since 1981) in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass (since 2015) in Sikkim. The Yatra has not taken place since 2020 following the COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent non-renewal of Yatra arrangements by the Chinese side.**

**Government has taken up the issue of resumption of Kailash Manasarovar Yatra with Chinese authorities in its diplomatic engagements. Most recently, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met China's Foreign Minister, Mr. Wang Yi on the sidelines of G-20 Summit on 18 November 2024 in Rio de Janeiro. The resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra was discussed in the meeting. Government will continue to take up this issue in its contacts with Chinese authorities.**

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