

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2262

ANSWERED ON-31/07/2026

KARTARPUR SAHIB CORRIDOR

2262. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER

SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, which provides visa-free access to Sikh pilgrims from India to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan, has been suspended indefinitely;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the continued suspension, including security threats, cross-border tensions and concerns about misuse of the corridor for anti-India activities;

(c) whether the Government has received representations from Sikh community leaders, Members of Parliament and civil society urging the early reopening of the corridor in view of its immense religious and emotional significance, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to address security and diplomatic concerns and to work with the Government of Pakistan for the

safe and timely resumption of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor services for Indian pilgrims, while ensuring that national security is not compromised?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) An Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the facilitation of Pilgrims to visit Gurudwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Pakistan, was signed on 24 October 2019 in order to fulfill the long-standing demand of the pilgrims to have easy and smooth access to the holy Gurudwara and to operationalise the Corridor for the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Agreement was extended for a further 5-year period in October 2024.

However, in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, the services of Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor were suspended with effect from 07 May 2025. While the Government has received representations from Sikh religious groups and organisations regarding Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, the extant security scenario compels Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor to remain suspended.
