

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2245**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH DECEMBER, 2022/AGRAHAYANA 29, 1944
(SAKA)**

RELIEF TO PILGRIMS OF AMARNATH YATRA

2245. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims who lost their lives due to flashflood during the sacred Amarnath Yatra in July 2022;

(b) whether a number of pilgrims are reported to be missing;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to rescue and provide relief to pilgrims of Amarnath Yatra?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (d): As per information provided by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 15 persons lost their lives due to flashflood but no person has been reported missing. Various Government agencies like NDRF, UTDRF, Army, CAPFs, UT Govt. Officials and Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) Officials were deployed for search operations, rescue and relief of pilgrims. The yatris were immediately evacuated to safer places/camps and provided accommodation and food while the injured yatris were moved to nearest medical facilities. Help line numbers of Joint Control Room Pahalgam, Police Control Room Anantnag, SASB and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir were circulated on all platforms including social media.
