

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1641  
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000  
CHARTERED PLANES FOR HAJ PILGRIMS  
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

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

- (a) whether the Government have been increasing the quota of the Haj pilgrims every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the number of planes chartered for Haj pilgrims for the year 2000-2001 and the number of the pilgrims likely to be benefited?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) During the last three years, quota of pilgrims performing Haj under the aegis of Haj Committee, Mumbai, was as follows:-

1998	-	66,000
1999	-	66,000
2000	-	72,000

(c) Six aircraft were chartered by the Government for Haj - 2000 and the number of pilgrims who travelled was 71,909. The process of awarding contract to a chartered party for Haj - 2001 movement is under process.