

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:338
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2004
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MANSAROVAR YATRA
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether financial assistance is provided for Mansarovar Yatra;
- (b) if so, the amount provided for the said yatra; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Ministry of External Affairs provides Rs. 3,250/- per Yatri to Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN) to partially offset the expenditure incurred by the Yatris. (KMVN arranges board and lodging for Yatris on the Indian side.) Government provides free medical inspection and assistance, security and escort cover upto Lipulekh Pass, insurance cover and communication links for the duration of the Yatra. The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi provides free stay to Yatris in Delhi for five nights during the onward and return journeys. A Liaison Officer is attached to each batch of Yatris at government expenditure.
- (c) Does not arise.

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(East Asia Division)

Reference Director (EAMO)'s note dated July 19, 2003 regarding copies of draft answers to Parliament Question.

2. Placed below are copies of draft answers for the following Unstarred Questions pertaining to this Division for answer on 24.07.2003 in Rajya Sabha.

- (i) Question No. 470 - Bus Service between Gangtok and Lhasa
- (ii) Question No. 473 - Identification of issues for talks with China
- (iii) Question No. 478 - Chinese response to cross-border terrorism
- (iv) Question No. 479 - Supply of nuclear material by China to Pakistan
- (v) Question No. 484 - Discussion on Sikkim and McMohan line with Chinese leaders

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