GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2386
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HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of applications received each year for Haj Pilgrimage including the current year and the number of persons from each State who is permitted to go for Haj;

(b) the details of the quota fixed for each State;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the quota of Uttar Pradesh regarding Haj pilgrims;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)&(b) The number of applications received by Haj Committee of India for Haj for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and Haj 2005 is as follows:

Year	Number of Applications Received
2002	73954
2003	72634
2004	75100
2005	81155

Statement giving the State-wise number of pilgrims who performed Haj through the Haj Committee of India during the last three years together with pilgrim quota fixed for each State is laid on the Table of the House. As the operations for Haj 2005 are currently underway, quota fixed for each State and the number of pilgrims for Haj 2005 will become available later.

(c) (d) & (e) The pilgrim quota of various States including Uttar Pradesh will be considered afresh for Haj 2006 on the basis of latest population figures released by Census of India.

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(Statement with reference to para (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2386 to be answered on 15.12.2004)

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE NO. OF PILGRIMS WHO PERFORMED HAJ DURING 2002 - 2004

STATES	Quota 2002-2004	2002 No. of pilgrims proceeded	2003 No. of pilgrims proceeded	2004 No. of pilgrims proceeded
Andaman Nicobar	60	31	22	37
Andhra Pradesh	3906	4634	4841	4584

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Assam   4270  1106  1102  1240
Bihar   8432#  1308  1508  1436
Chandigarh  60  10  22  37
Chattisgarh  -  210  287  310
D & Nagar Haveli 40  18  5  5
Daman Diu  40  30  27  9
Delhi   587  2456  2435  2619
Goa   60  26  19  20
Gujarat   2378  5993  4351  5168
Haryana   504  577  480  515
Himachal Pradesh 50  25  44  51
Jammu & Kashmir  2718  6383  7701  8923
Jharkhand   -  692  811  832
Karnataka  3451  3900  3608  3653
Kerala   4476  6780  7813  7503
Lakshadweep  121  156  156  123
Madhya Pradesh  2165@  3282  2895  2588
Maharashtra  5030  10583  8900  9180
Manipur   88  173  132  172
Orissa   381  270  236  284
Pondicherry  60  63  43  53
Punjab   158  180  225  237
Rajasthan  2325  4202  3585  3348
Tamil Nadu  2013  2682  2743  2621
Tripura   130  47  16  25
Uttar Pradesh  15897$  11749  11944  12923
Uttaranchal  -  -  423  596
West Bengal  10600  2278  1972  2336



 Quota increase for Haj 2005



 Govt quota## 2000  432  1449     279



 TOTAL  72000  70276  69795  71707



 @ = Including the quota of Chattisgarh;
 $  = including the quota of Uttaranchal;
 # = including the quota of Jharkhand
 ## = The quota released covers pilgrims from all States.
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