

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:960
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2010
HAJ QUOTA FOR MPS
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Haj pilgrims who performed Haj on special quota of MPs in the year 2009;
- (b) whether there is any discrimination in that quota; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (c) Recommendations for allocation of seats for Haj from the Government quota are received from Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and other dignitaries. Efforts are made to allot seats based on the recommendations received and the availability of seats.