

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:186

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FACILITIES FOR PILGRIMS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the subsidies/facilities extended to the pilgrims to Haj, Kailash Mansarovar and religious shrines in Pakistan, pilgrimage-wise;
- (b) the amount spent by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the current year, pilgrimage-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to improve and upgrade the facilities for these pilgrimages including increase in subsidy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) to (d) Answers are provided at Annexures I, II & III.