

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PILGRIMS TO RELIGIOUS PLACES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of pilgrims visited various religious places in foreign countries during each of the last three years, year-wise and religious place-wise;
- (b) the details of norms being followed for the selection of these places, religious place-wise;
- (c) the financial/transportation/catering/accommodation/organisational assistance provided to the pilgrims, religious place-wise;
- (d) the number of pilgrims likely to visit these religious places during the year 2010;
- (e) whether effective steps have been taken for the suitable arrangements for the pilgrims;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (f) Answers are provided at Annexure I, II, III.