

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SELECTION OF PILGRIMS FOR HAJ

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether selection of pilgrims from various States for Haj pilgrimage during the current year has been made by the Government;
- (b) if so, the State-wise number thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to assist the poor people who are facing financial problems to afford the high cost of pilgrimage?

Answer

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

(a): The selection of pilgrims from various States for the Haj pilgrimage for the year 2010 has been conducted by the Haj Committee of India through the computerized draw of lots in May 2010.

(b): The quota allotted to the States is based on the percentage of Muslim population as per 2001 census. Details of the State-wise Quota may be seen at ANNEXURE-I.

(c): For those pilgrims choosing to go through the Haj Committee of India, Government makes arrangements to facilitate travel, accommodation as well as other logistical support.