

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4779
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INCREASE IN HAJ QUOTA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received representations from various quarters including the Members of Parliament regarding increase in the Haj quota; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) There are 17 States where the number of applications for Haj 2010 are more than the quota allotted and from where, in general, there is a demand for allotment of more quota.

(b) The quota of States is allotted on the basis of the percentage of the Muslim population as per the 2001 census and any increase will depend on the results of the ongoing census.