

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4835
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HAJ YATRA
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvarya Swamy

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is funding/providing subsidy for performing Haj Yatra;
- (b) if so, the details of such funding provided to the pilgrims of each State especially Karnataka;
- (c) the number of persons benefited in Karnataka as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the State Governments including Karnataka have requested to enhance the allocations quota made to the Haj pilgrims; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation makes travel arrangements for pilgrims performing Haj through Haj Committee of India. Since 1994, such pilgrims have been paying Rs.12000/- as air fare and the remaining cost of their air travel is borne by Government. The cost borne by the Government for Haj 2007, 2008 and 2009 was approximately Rs.476.75 crore, Rs.894.77 crore and Rs.689.91 crore respectively. Subsidy is not provided directly to the pilgrims.
- (c): 5917 pilgrims from Karnataka travelled on subsidised fare during Haj-2009.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Does not arise.