

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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HAJ PILGRIMAGE
Shekhar Shri Neeraj

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons expected to perform Haj Pilgrimage during the current year, State -wise;
- (b) whether the arrangements made including accommodation in Jeddah for the Haj pilgrims are satisfactory;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether his Ministry has received complaints from certain quarters in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the follow-up action taken/proposed to be taken for improving the arrangements alongwith the details of fresh instructions issued to Haj Mission in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The number of pilgrims expected to perform Haj during current year through Haj Committee of India is 125,850. In addition, 45,637 seats have been allocated to Private Tour Operators (PTO). State-wise statement of pilgrims proceeding through the Haj Committee of India is attached at Annexure – I. Since the flights are operating from 21 Embarkation points, the actual figures could be made available after departure of the last flight.
- (b) Adequate arrangements have been made for pilgrims including their stay at Makkah & Madinah.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) Does not arise. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to keep making improvements in the arrangements for the Haj pilgrims and provide them with better facilities after taking into account the feedback received from all concerned.