

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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HAJ FACILITIES  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the facilities/assistance provided by the Union Government to the Haj pilgrims alongwith the contribution of the State Governments therein; and

(b) the details of such funding provided to Haj pilgrims of Madhya Pradesh alongwith the number of persons from the State benefited as a result thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a): Government of India makes necessary arrangements of airlifting of the pilgrims from India to Saudi Arabia, accommodation and local transportation in Saudi Arabia through Haj Committee of India, Mumbai and Consulate General of India, Jeddah. Subsidy in airfare is given to the pilgrims going for Haj under the arrangements of Haj Committee of India. Government supplies medicines and deputed administrative staff, Doctors, nurses and paramedics to render medical assistance to the pilgrims in Saudi Arabia. State Governments, through the State Haj Committees, make arrangements of training camps, mandatory inoculation of polio and meningitis and transit accommodation at all embarkation points in India prior to departure of the pilgrims.

(b): 3,314 pilgrims from Madhya Pradesh who benefited from subsidized airfare traveled under the arrangements of Haj Committee of India for Haj - 2010.