

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3186
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AMARNATH PILGRIMAGE
Singh Shri Rakesh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any arrangements to provide advance information regarding weather condition to the devotees during the Amarnath Yatra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any incident of lathi charge on the devotees has been reported; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Arrangements have been made to issue special weather advisory bulletin/forecast/warning twice a day i.e. at 0610 Hrs and 1810 Hrs IST for Pahalgam as well as Baltal routes (sector wise), besides setting up of temporary Weather advisory camps at Base Camps Pahalgam and Baltal for dissemination of weather forecast/warning to Yatra Officers and Pilgrims, making available hourly Satellite imageries in extended scale for NW sector superimposing Yatra route and special weather advisory bulletin/forecast/warning for Shri Amarnath Yatra at IMD website (www.imd.gov.in) as well as Regional Meteorological Centre, New Delhi website wman@amssdelhi.gov.in being updated on real time basis and utilizing Public Address System facilities in all the Camps in the Shrine area i.e. Holy Cave, Baltal, Sheshnag and Panjtari.
- (c): No incident of lathicharge on Yatris has occurred during Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2009.
- (d): Doesn't arise in view of (c) above.