

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3571
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HAJ MANAGEMENT REFORMS
Haque Shri Sk. Saidul

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is framing any note on Haj Management reforms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any Plan to cut Haj subsidy which is given for Haj pilgrimage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The management for the Haj pilgrimage is a complex exercise. The Government makes extensive arrangements for the Haj. It is the constant endeavor of the Government to improve and reform the management of the Haj pilgrimage in consultation with the all concerned. In 2009, the Haj subsidy has been marginally reduced. The Government has taken a decision to increase the airfare chargeable from the Haj pilgrims going through Haj Committee of India from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 16,000 per pilgrim.