

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DIFFICULTIES FACED BY HAJ PILGRIMS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Haj pilgrims had to face difficulties in the year 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any report has been prepared in regard to ensuring that the Haj pilgrims may not face difficulties in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) A constant endeavour is made to ensure that Haj Pilgrims do not face difficulties. For this purpose, the work of several agencies is coordinated so that the Haj operations proceed as smoothly as possible. It is our understanding the Haj operation in 2010 went off well though some pilgrims faced inconveniences which were addressed.

(c) & (d) Arrangements are reviewed at the Annual Haj Review Meeting and remedial action is taken on the basis of feedback received.