

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO PILGRIMS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Budgetary Provisions made and utilised by the Government on pilgrimage to Haj, Kailash Mansarovar and other religious places during the last three years and the current year, pilgrimage-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to improve the facilities and upgrade them at these pilgrimage centres;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide grant/aid/assistance to the pilgrims belonging to the minority communities like Sikh, Christian and others to visit their religious places in the world on the same analogy on which assistance to Haj pilgrims is given; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Answers in respect of Haj Pilgrimage, Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and other religious places are provided at ANNEXURES-I, II & III respectively.