

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:603
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2011
EMBARKATION OF HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of places where offices for the embarkation of the Haj pilgrims have been opened in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representation regarding the hardships being faced by the pilgrims of Chhattisgarh and adjoining areas due to remoteness of the said office located in Nagpur; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Required information is tabulated below:

Sl.No. Name of States/Union Territories Embarkation Points

- 1) Andhra Pradesh Hyderabad
- 2) Assam Guwahati
- 3) Bihar Patna
- 4) National Capital Territory of Delhi Delhi
- 5) Goa Goa
- 6) Gujarat Ahmedabad
- 7) Jammu & Kashmir Srinagar
- 8) Jharkhand Ranchi
- 9) Karnataka Bangalore & Mangalore
- 10) Kerala Calicut
- 11) Madhya Pradesh Bhopal & Indore
- 12) Maharashtra Aurangabad, Mumbai & Nagpur
- 13) Rajasthan Jaipur
- 14) Tamil Nadu Chennai
- 15) Uttar Pradesh Lucknow and Varanasi
- 16) West Bengal Kolkata

(b) & (c) No representations have been received of any hardship faced by pilgrims of Chattisgarh and adjoining areas. However, recommendation for opening a new embarkation point at Raipur to address problems of Hajjis of Chhattisgarh was received by the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai and it has been forwarded to the Ministry of Civil Aviation for consideration.