

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2743
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2011
ADDITIONAL ROUTE FOR KAILASH MANSAROVAR
Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar;Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has suggested additional routes for the Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage for the consideration of China;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of the Chinese Government thereto; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to expedite the issue with the Chinese authorities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Government of India have discussed with China the issue of opening additional routes for pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar since 1992. The Chinese side has conveyed that they will continue to improve the facilities available to Indian pilgrims to Kailash-Mansarovar.