

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2158

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HAJ QUOTA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all Members of Parliament have been given quota to recommend persons for Haj;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government would increase the Haj quota of MPs per year who represent the constituency where ratio of Muslim population is higher; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d) Recommendations for allocation of seats for Haj from the Government quota are received from Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and other dignitaries. Efforts are made to accommodate the requests subject to availability of seats.