

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:357  
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KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA  
Lal Shri Kirodi

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the year-wise number of pilgrims who visited Kailash Mansarovar during the last three years;
- (b) the annual expenditure made therefor and the facilities provided by the Government to the pilgrims;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy to the pilgrims of Kailash Mansarovar as is provided to Haj pilgrims;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The year-wise details of pilgrims and expenditure incurred on the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra by the Government of India during the last three years are as follows:

Year Number of Expenditure in  
pilgrims Lakh Rupees

2009	607	63.04
2010	754	64.57
2011	761	95.00 (approximately)

Government of India arranges, on self-payment basis, facilities like transportation, accommodation, fresh food, medical tests, guides, Chinese visa, foreign exchange, and porters and ponies for carrying goods and belongings of yatris. Ministry of External Affairs appoints one Liaison Officer for each batch who is responsible for the safety and well-being of yatris of his/her batch. The Liaison Officer is provided with a satellite phone to stay in touch with Indian authorities concerned and to seek assistance in case of any emergency. Air-lift of yatris by helicopter is also arranged in case of medical emergency. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) provides security cover and basic medical assistance to yatris on the Indian side. The Government establishes a wireless link between the ITBP and the Chinese authorities to keep track of yatris for their safety. Besides, the Ministry of External Affairs remains in regular contact with Chinese Foreign Ministry regarding smooth conduct of Kailash Manasarovar Yatra and upgrading of facilities for the yatris on Chinese side.

(c) to (e) The Government of India does not have any plan to extend subsidy to yatris of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra. However, disbursements at the rate of Rs.3,250/- per yatri are made to Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam for providing logistical support to yatris.