

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY TO HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Haj pilgrims who had applied for subsidy during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of actual number of pilgrims provided with subsidy during the above period;
- (c) whether there has been a steady increase in the number of pilgrims applying for Haj subsidy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the above period; and
- (e) the details of the total amount of subsidy paid to Haj pilgrims during the aboved period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a): During the years 2009, 2010, 2011, Haj Committee of India had received 357338, 300680 and 302616 applications respectively.
- (b): 120131, 126191 and 125051 pilgrims were provided subsidized airfare by the Government during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011,
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): During the years 2009, 2010 and 2011, Government has spend an amount of aproximately Rs.690, Rs.600 and Rs.605 crores (excluding service tax) as subsidy on air travel of Haj pilgrims.