

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4234
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FACILITIES TO HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the facilities being provided by the Union Government to the Haj pilgrims;
- (b) whether the State Governments also make a contribution therein; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Government of India assists the Haj pilgrims in coordination with the Haj Committee of India through-
- (i) provision of accommodation and other logistical support at Makkah, Madinah and Jeddah,
 - (ii) Deputation of Doctors and paramedics, Coordinators, Assistant Haj Officers, Haj Assistants and Khadim-ul-Hujjaj to assist Hajis during Haj,
 - (iii) setting up Hospitals, dispensaries and ambulances and supply of medicines to Hajis in Makkah and Madinah,
 - (iv) Facilitating Air travel from 21 embarkation points in India to Jeddah and back,
 - (v) The arrangements are reviewed at the Annual Haj Review Meeting and remedial action is taken on the basis of feedback received.
- (a)& (c) State Governments through the State Haj Committees, make arrangements of training camps, mandatory inoculation of polio and meningitis and transit accommodation at all embarkation points in India prior to departure of the pilgrims.