

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3330
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KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of pilgrims going to Kailash Mansarovar Yatra were reportedly stopped by China on Nepal-Tibet Border in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The pilgrims of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra, organized by the Ministry of External Affairs from May to September this year, have not faced any difficulties in crossing into the Tibet Autonomous Region of China through Lipulekh Pass. However, there have been news reports about groups of Indian pilgrims, organized by private tour operators to Kailash and Manasarovar through Nepal, being delayed at the Nepal-Tibet border since visa formalities had not been properly completed by the tour operators. When approached, Government provided all assistance in resolving such issues.