

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:484  
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PILGRIMAGE TO KAILASH MANSAROVAR  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is organizing the pilgrimage to Kailash-Mansarovar between June and September, 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of batches that are likely to be sent to Kailash-Mansarovar this year along with the fees likely to be charged from each pilgrim; and
- (d) the details of security arrangements being made for the pilgrimage?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The Government of India organizes the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra every year. 18 batches of 60 pilgrims each proceed on the Yatra. The estimated expenditure is Rs. 1.2 lakh per pilgrim.

Indian citizens aged between 18 and 70 years as on 1 January are eligible to apply for the Yatra.

The Government of India makes effective arrangements for the security of pilgrims. Ministry of External Affairs appoints one Liaison Officer for each batch who is responsible for the safety and well-being of pilgrims of his/her batch. A provision for air-lift of pilgrims by helicopter is also made for medical emergencies on the Indian side. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Uttarakhand State Government provide security cover on the Indian side. The Government of India maintains regular contact with the Chinese authorities for the smooth conduct of the Yatra on the Chinese side.