

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6365
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SECURITY OF AMARNATH PILGRIMS
Adityanath Shri Yogi

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made proper arrangement for the protection of devotees visiting shrine for Darshan in the wake of terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Amarnath safe?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): The elaborate security arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra are made by the State Government of J&K in coordination with Army and Central Paramilitary Forces which is reviewed periodically at the highest level. For this year's Yatra also, Shri Amaranath Shrine Board (SASB), the agency responsible for making all arrangements for conducting the Yatra, is taking all necessary steps in coordination with the State Government and other stakeholders. Govt. of India assists the State Government/SASB for providing security arrangements for the Yatra through deployment of additional security forces as the requirement of the State Govt./SASB.

Last year MHA provided 95 coys of Central Armed Police Forces in aid and support of the State Govt., BSF and CRPF had also set up several medical Camps along the route of the Yatra.