

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:275  
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2015  
Visit of Pilgrims to Shrines Abroad  
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of pilgrims visited various shrines situated abroad during each of the last three years as on date, Shrine-wise;
- (b) the details of the criteria being adopted for their selection, Shrine-wise;
- (c) the financial/ transportation/ boarding/ lodging/ organisational assistance provided to pilgrims, Shrine-wise;
- (d) the estimated number of pilgrims likely to visit these Shrines in the coming years;
- (e) whether sufficient steps are being taken to make proper arrangements for them; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Data is placed at Annexure-I.

(b) to (f) Details as desired are at Annexure-II.

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