

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4113
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2014
HAJ HOUSES
K. Shri Parasuraman

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Haj houses constructed by the Government for the benefit of Haj pilgrims so far, State-wise;
- (b) the total funds spent so far for this purpose;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to construct more Haj houses at various locations; and
- (d) if so, the places envisaged for the same?

Answer

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

- (a) No. Government of India has not constructed any Haj House in any of the States/Union Territories. However, as and when a request for construction of Haj House is received from any State Haj Committee, the Haj Committee of India (HCoI), based in Mumbai, provides financial assistance of upto 1/3rd of total cost of the project or Rs. 3 crores, whichever is less, in accordance with the norms prescribed for the purpose.
- (b) A total financial assistance of Rs.8.88 crores has been provided so far by the Haj Committee of India for construction of Haj Houses in Hyderabad, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Srinagar, Nagpur and Jalukbari (Guwahati). It may be noted that the Haj Committee of India is a statutory body under Ministry of External Affairs, which is self-financed and does not receive any grant or aid from Government of India.
- (c) No.
- (d) Not applicable.