

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3819**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 25, 1941 (SAKA)

INSURANCE COVERAGE TO AMARNATH YATRIS

**3819. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the route covered under the Amarnath Yatra is in difficult and inhospitable terrain prone to landslides, shooting stones, snow avalanches;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of incidents/accidents along with the number of yatris killed/injured during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government provides insurance cover to every registered yatri and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of compensation/ insurance paid by the Amarnath Shrine Board to the victims during the said period;

(e) whether the Government proposes to increase the insurance amount for the Amarnath Yatris; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. Government of India provides necessary support to the State Government that includes deployment of mountain rescue teams, NDRF teams on strategic locations with all rescue equipments, upgradation of tracks and fixing railings along the critical stretches of the tracks, installation of Automatic Weather Stations, deployment of sufficient number of CAPF Coys, etc.

The number of pilgrims who died and injured during the Yatra in the last three years and the current year is as given below:

Year	Number of deaths	Number of serious Injuries
2016	22	65
2017	29	84
2018	34	28
2019 (up to 10.07.2019)	05	20

(c) and (d): Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board provides a Group Accidental Insurance Cover for 3 Lakh Yatris and 33,000 Service Providers for an amount of Rs. 3.00 lakh per Yatri/Service Provider against any accidental death, from the date of entry into the J&K State up to exit in case of Yatris and one month before commencement of the Yatra and one week after conclusion of the Yatra in case of Service Provider. Details of the compensation paid during the last three years are as under:

Year	Ex-gratia relief disbursed to NOKs of deceased Yatris/ Service Providers		Insurance claim disbursed to NOKs of deceased Yatris		Ex-gratia relief disbursed to the injured Yatris	
	Number	Amount(in Rs. lakh)	Number	Amount (in Rs. lakh)	Number	Amount (in Rs. lakh)
2016	09	6.25	03	3.00	Nil	Nil
2017	10	43.50	17	51.00	36	33.00
2018	04	3.50	11	33.00	Nil	Nil
Total	23	53.25	31	87.00	36	33.00

(e) and (f): Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board has already enhanced the sum assured of Group Insurance cover from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 3 Lakhs since the Yatra of 2017 onwards.