

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1437  
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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON HAJ PILGRIMS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the annual expenditure incurred by the Government on Haj Pilgrims during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether this amount has been proposed to be enhanced;
- (c) if so, by when ; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Expenditure incurred by the Government to subsidize airfare of Haj pilgrims going through the Haj Committee, Mumbai during the last three years is as follows :-

Year	Estimated Amount (Rs in crore)
2001	149.55
2002	163.80
2003	200.00

The other expenditure on making various arrangements for management of Haj pilgrimage is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b, c & d) There is no plan to enhance the expenditure at present. Since other factors on air-travel of pilgrims remain unchanged, expenditure on the subsidized airfare is unlikely to increase during Haj – 2004