

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR KAILASH MANSAROVAR PILGRIMAGE  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any discussion had been held with China with regard to providing alternative routes for Kailash-Mansarovar pilgrimage during the recent visit of Prime Minister to China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government of China in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a)-(c) During Prime Minister's visit to China in June 2003, the issue of additional routes for the Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra was discussed with the Chinese side. The Chinese side conveyed that they would consider the request according to conditions in Tibet.