

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1798
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INCREASES IN HAJ QUOTA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Haj Pilgrims from India who performed Haj Pilgrimage during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Saudi Arabia has increased the Haj quota for our country for the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to meet the increase in demand for the Haj visit; and
- (e) the number of Pilgrims to be permitted from various States and UTs during this year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) Required information is enclosed at ANNEXURE –I, II, III & IV.
- (b) No.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The Government of India has requested the Saudi authorities for an additional quota for Haj – 2011. The response from the Saudi Authorities is awaited.
- (e) Statement showing State-wise number of persons expected to perform Haj through Haj Committee of India during Haj - 2011 is enclosed at ANNEXURE– V. 45,000 pilgrims will undertake Haj this year under the aegis of Private Tour Operators (PTOs).