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Title: Need to allocate more Haj seats for India pilgrims.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Madam Speaker, I would like to invite the kind attention of the Government, through you, regarding the issue of constraint of seat availability to Haj pilgrims from India. It has been reported that this year a large number of people have applied for Haj pilgrimage. Around 64,338 applications have been received from Kerala only through Haj Committees. This year, the Saudi Government has approved only 1,00,036 seats from India for Haj pilgrimage, which is not sufficient enough to accommodate a huge number of applicants. The number of seats is not increased by the Saudi Government and more than half of the people have been left out from the list. Therefore, I would like to request the Government through you to approach the Saudi Arabia Government to allocate more Haj seats for Indian pilgrims.