

Committee's account and the number of visits of each of the persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): During Haj '95, Air India had provided 25 free tickets to the Haj Committee for the journey to Saudi Arabia of Haj Committee members and their staff. No free tickets have been provided by Air India to the Haj Committee since then.

2. In connection with Haj '98, following are the details of the journeys undertaken to Saudi Arabia by Haj Committee members and Haj Committee staff.

Sl. No.	Name's	Designation	No. of Journeys
1.	Mr. Salamat Ullah	Chairman	6
2.	Mr. Ridwan Harris	Vice Chairman	2
3.	Mr. Obaidullah Khan Azmi, MP	Member	4
4.	Mr. P.M. Sayeed, MP	Member	2
5.	Mr. Hafiz Mohd. Siddique, MP	Member	1
6.	Mr. Anees Ahmad	Member	3
7.	Prof. Javed Khan	Member	3
8.	Mr. Bashir M. Patel	Member	3
9.	Mr. Qamrul Islam	Member	1
10.	Mr. Shabi Ahmad	Executive Office	4

3. Twelve staff members of the Haj Committee, whose names are given below, were also deputed for Haj duty by the Haj Committee:

1. Mr. Abdul Hamid Dhiyan
2. Mr. Mohd. Umar Furniturewala
3. Mr. Saeed Patel
4. Mr. Abdur Rehman Shaikh
5. Mr. Khalil A. Khan
6. Mr. Masood A. Khan
7. Mr. Anecs Mujawar
8. Mr. Mohd. Ghouse
9. Mr. Ashique Ali Nakhwa
10. Mr. Altaf Ali M. Shaikh
11. Mr. Mohd. Aquil Kaunchale
12. Mr. Mohd. Yunus Shaikh

4. The expenditure on all the above journeys was borne by the Haj Committee and no other agency, including Air India, provided any free tickets.

Visit of Indian Pilgrims to Mt. Kailash and Mansarovar Lake

3288. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Government have expressed some difficulties in allowing the Indian pilgrims to visit Mt. Kailash and Mansarovar Lake; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard so as to enable the Indian pilgrims to visit these places without any hindrances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) No, Sir, the Yatra to Kailash and Manasarovar commenced, as in past years, in June 1998 and is scheduled to end in October.

(b) Does Not arise.

India's Role in solving ethnic problem in Sri Lanka

3289. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to play a bigger interventionist role in Sri Lanka to solve the ethnic tangle there; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) No, Sir. Government continues to support a peaceful and negotiated settlement of the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka.