

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1198**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH JULY, 2022/ SRAVANA 5, 1944 (SAKA)

DEATHS DURING AMARNATH YATRA

1198. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many persons died and missing during the pilgrimage of Amarnath yatra since last three years;**
- (b) the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to protect the precious lives of pilgrims in future?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a)& (b) As per information provided by Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 15 persons lost their lives due to flash flood but no person has been reported missing during Amarnath Yatra 2022. Moreover, reportedly 42 pilgrims have died due to natural causes till 19.07.2022. In the years 2020 and 2021, Shri Amarnath Yatra was not organized owing to Covid-19 pandemic.

(c) Government has taken several steps to protect lives of pilgrims such as, mandatory requirement of compulsory health certificate, installation of

Oxygen booths, setting up of hospitals at various locations along yatra route, monitoring/well being of Yatris through Radio Frequency-based Identification (RFID), installation of Automatic Weather Stations, issue of health and weather advisories from time to time. Moreover, various Government agencies like NDRF, SDRF, Army, CAPFs and UT Govt. Officials have been mobilized for search operations, rescue and relief of pilgrims in case of any eventuality or untoward incident. In such a scenario, the yatris are immediately evacuated to safer places/camps and provided accommodation and food while the injured yatris are moved to nearest medical facilities.
