

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2319**  
ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2025

RESUMPTION OF KAILASH MANASAROVAR TEERTH YATRA 2025

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the proposed timeline for resuming the Kailash Manasarovar Teerth Yatra 2025;
- (b) the protocols that will be implemented to ensure the safety of pilgrims; and
- (c) the total strength of number of pilgrims and number of pilgrims per batch and total batches?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) Government of India (GOI) organises the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra every year between June and September, through the two official routes of Lipulekh Pass (since 1981) in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass (since 2015) in Sikkim.

The Yatra has not taken place since 2020 following the COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent non-renewal of Yatra arrangements by the Chinese Side.

Indian side has taken up the issue of resumption of Kailash Manasarovar Yatra with the Chinese side in its diplomatic engagements, including in the meetings of External Affairs Minister with his Chinese counterpart on the sidelines of G-20 Summit on 18 November 2024 in Rio de Janeiro and on the sidelines of G-20 Foreign Ministers meeting on February 20-21, 2025 in Johannesburg, South Africa, in the 23rd meeting of the Special Representatives of India and China on the Boundary Question held on 18 December 2024 in Beijing, and in the meeting of Foreign Secretary with Vice Foreign Minister of China on 27 January 2025, in Beijing. The two sides decided, in these meetings, to resume the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra in the summer of 2025. Both sides are engaged on the terms and modalities of doing so.

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