GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2055
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024

STAMPEDES AT PILGRIMAGE SITES

2055   SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

(a)   the number of deaths caused by stampedes at pilgrimage sites since 2019, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b)   the measures taken by Government to ensure smooth crowd management and prevention of stampedes at pilgrimage sites, particularly during times of holidays and festivals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM   (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a):   Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on number of deaths caused by stampedes at pilgrimage sites. However, as per the information received from National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, the details of accidental deaths due to stampede during 2019-2022 is as under:

Year	No. of Accidental Death due to Stampede
2019	12
2020	14
2021	25
2022	22

State/UT- wise accidental death due to stampede during 2019-2022 is enclosed at Annexure.

(b):   Though crowd management at pilgrimage sites is the responsibility of State Governments/Urban Local Bodies (ULB)/Temple Trust, the Government has taken various steps in improving infrastructure and overcome overcrowding through Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes.

Furthermore, under the PRASHAD scheme, multiple components have been sanctioned which aim at enhancing the security and safety of pilgrims such as, railings at temple complex to manage crowd and effectively manage movements of pilgrims, CCTV systems & Illumination has been done in and around temple premises to ensure safety of pilgrims. Public announcement systems plus Directional & Informational signage's in and around temple complex have been provided to help navigate tourists/pilgrims towards the designated destination.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2055 ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024 REGARDING STAMPEDES AT PILGRIMAGE SITES RAISED BY SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI.

State/UT wise accidental deaths due to Stampede during 2019-2022

S. No.	State/UT	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Andhra Pradesh	2	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	8	0
4	Bihar	0	0	9	0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0
6	Goa	0	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	0	0	0	0
8	Haryana	0	0	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
10	Jharkhand	0	0	0	6
11	Karnataka	0	0	0	0
12	Kerala	3	1	0	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0
14	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0
15	Manipur	0	0	0	0
16	Meghalaya	0	1	0	0
17	Mizoram	0	7	0	0
18	Nagaland	0	1	0	0
19	Odisha	0	4	0	0
20	Punjab	0	0	0	0
21	Rajasthan	0	0	0	3
22	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
23	Tamil Nadu	7	0	8	1
24	Telangana	0	0	0	0
25	Tripura	0	0	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	0
27	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0
28	West Bengal	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL STATE(S)	**12**	**14**	**25**	**10**
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0
30	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
31	D&N Haveli and Daman&Diu @ +	0	0	0	0
32	Delhi UT	0	0	0	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir @ *	0	0	0	12
34	Ladakh @	-	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL UT(S)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12**
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	**12**	**14**	**25**	**22**

As per data provided by states/UTs
'+' Combined data of erstwhile Dadra & Nagar HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU UT during 2019
'*' Data of erstwhile JAMMU & KASHMIR State Including LADAKH during 2019
'@' Data of newly created Union territory 2020

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