

Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. E/122/1/2017-KMY

Date : 19 March 2019

**SUBJECT : LIAISON OFFICERS FOR KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA-2019.**

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, will be organising the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra (KMY) during June to September 2019. The Yatra is a pilgrimage to Mount Kailash and Lake Manasarovar in the Tibet Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China. Detailed information about the Yatra, duration, itinerary for each batch is available on the website <https://kmy.gov.in>

2. There is a practice of appointing two Liaison Officers (LOs) accompanying each batch of pilgrims by this Ministry. LOs would be on Government duty and will liaise with Indian, and Chinese authorities on behalf of the pilgrims in all respects, including communication, medical requirements, air-evacuation in case of emergency etc. LOs are also responsible for ensuring the well-being and safety of the group. Instructions regarding duties and responsibilities will be communicated to the selected officers who will be assigned a batch. LOs are expected to do the Yatra with the assigned batch only. LOs would manage a diverse group of persons from different linguistic, regional and professional backgrounds. Experience of high altitude trekking/first aid would be preferable. Vaishno Devi and Amarnath Yatras will not count as experience in this regard.

3. While preference is given to officers who are applying for the first time, from KMY 2018, the Ministry of External Affairs has decided to consider applications from officers who have earlier served as LO also. However, the decision will be made on the basis of actual requirement and subject to availability of slots. Officers wishing to apply may specifically mention the year during which they have served as LO and also clearly indicate the route (Lipulekh/Nathu La) on which they had undertaken the Yatra.

4. The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is arduous and involves trekking at high altitudes of up to 19,500 feet, under inhospitable conditions. Therefore, applicant must be physically fit and healthy, and should not suffer from any medical condition like high-blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, epilepsy etc.

5. Each Liaison Officer is required to submit a report on the Yatra within seven days of return from the Yatra. It will also be the responsibility of the Liaison Officer to ensure delivery of Yatra Completion Certificates from the Ministry to the Yatris on completion of the Yatra.

6. Applications are invited from serving officials equivalent to the rank of Under Secretary and above in Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, etc. Interested officials may register online at the website <https://kmy.gov.in> before last date mentioned on the website. All admissible expenditure on travel, board and lodging of the Liaison Officer as given in the table "Fees & Expenditure of Liaison Officer", would be borne by the concerned Department. No amount is payable to MEA, or reimbursed by MEA to the applicant/selected LO.

7. Print out of the signed application must be forwarded in original with requisite verification/approval mentioned in para 7 by the Competent Authority in the respective Ministry/Department before last date, and **sent only by post to:**

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