

HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002)

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The Executive Officer / Secretary,
All State / Union Territory
Haj Committees

Haj Committee of India is issuing certain directives on the specific issues being raised by a few Haj Applicants in their respective States / Union Territories regarding Haj Pilgrimage. :-

Item No.	Issues	Directives
1.	Status of persons applying through HCoI who has been earlier deputed as Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj/Haj Deputationists.	Applicant who has performed his duties as Khadim-ul-Hujjaj, A.H.O. or H.A. earlier should be treated as if he has not performed Haj and in such cases they can apply for Haj alike with other Haj Applicants.
2.	Status of the persons holding Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) or Person of Indian Origin (PIO).	OIC / PIO need to acquire Indian citizenship by undergoing certain procedural formalities. They are, thus, not entitled to proceed for Haj under the auspices of HCoI. Any Muslim Indian Citizen can only apply through Haj Committee of India.
3.	If applicant is an Indian Citizen but spouse is citizen of any other country, whether spouse is entitled to apply for Haj through HCoI ?	Any Muslim having Indian Citizenship only can apply for Haj through Haj Committee of India. Hence they are not eligible.
4.	If an applicant is under Reserved Category and his companions are under the Reserved Category 'B' so the clubbing of these two applications under Reserved Category 'A'.	Clubbing of such Pilgrims of these two Reserved Categories of 'A' & 'B' under Category 'A' on written communication from State Haj Committees and the entry will be allowed with the permission of Haj Committee of India through State Haj Committee. Please see the chart Annexed.

5.	To consider the request received for permitting the Grand-son and Nephew as companion to the Reserved Category Pilgrim in Category 'A'.	Haj Committee of India has already decided, No Change is Possible at this stage.
6.	Can some applicants, whose relatives residing in another State be permitted to apply from State Haj Committee other than their residing State?	No. However, Exemption is to be granted by State Haj Committee only to Ladies in case of Mehram on specific written request.
7.	Status of the F.N.R. Cases of the year 2010 coming up for consideration as Fourth Timer this year under Reserved Category.	Such applications should not be considered since they were provided sufficient time They were originally selected but they failed to fulfill the requisite formality. Hence, they should be treated as Pilgrims Cancelled their Haj seat themselves.
8.	Status of an applicant who got Confirmed Status under Reserved Category last year but could not proceed for Haj due to any reason and seeking Reserved Category for Haj-2012.	No. Reserved Category option is to be given only once, which cannot be claimed as a right in any other year.
9.	Status of Applicant applied for Third Time last year but got in the last list of Government Quota.	No. Sufficient time was not available for such applicants. They were not given provisionally selected status. Hence they can be considered as Fourth timer applicant and entitled for Reserved B Category as per applicability.
10.	Special permission to any person who is handicapped such as Polio or amputated.	If they are self-sufficient enough to look after themselves / there is any companion (blood relative) to look after them, as a special case they can be granted special permission by the HCoI upon written requests through State Haj Committee.
11.	Status of requests regarding relaxation in first timers criteria for companion in 70+ Category and for Male in 4th timers Category on the ground of Mehram.	Any changes in the policy after the Haj announcement is made will create problems like some will take benefit and others will not be able to take benefit for want of information on the subsequent changes made. In any case every policy decision is bound to affect some people positively and negatively.
12.	Status of intending applicants having their Passport Expiry Date before 31.3.2013 since they have already applied for new passports.	Submission of valid International Passport is the responsibility of the concerned applicant. It has been already decided in HCoI meeting and binding on all Haj Applicants. Date of 31.3.2013 should be adhered.

13.	Certain Pilgrims got selected last year and Haj Visa was endorsed on their Passports, but unfortunately they could not go for Haj due to Death / illness of one of Members in the same Cover be given priority during Haj-2012.	No. Their pleas cannot be considered as it will open Pandora Box for other cases also. Selected in one year has the bearing for that year only.
14.	Status of Lady applicants who are applying continuously for last three years and this year their 4th year but their Mehram expired during this period then can they be allowed to apply with fresh Mehram with the applicability of all other general and special provisions.	Being a genuine case of Lady Pilgrims, they can be permitted substitution only in case of death and the substitute should be admitted with the applicability of all other norms and conditions of the Haj Guidelines through State Haj Committee.
15.	Requests for extension of last date of submission of Haj Application Forms by Pilgrims in their respective State Haj Committees beyond 16.04.2012	The Executive Officers of all State / Union Territory Haj Committees in the meeting held on 6.2.2012 at Mumbai complained that HCoI changes its policies, last dates frequently which causes lot of problems. State Haj Committee has to bear the brunt of public fury. They suggested that once Haj Announcement is made, it need not be changed. Since it is a part of Action Plan – 2012 duly approved by full Committee of Haj Committee of India and sanctioned again in the meeting of Chairmen of State / Union Territory Haj Committees. It cannot be changed.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Executive Officer.

Encl: As stated above.

Acceptance of Reserved Category – A with Reserved Category – B

PROCEDURE TO BE OPTED

SHCs must inform HCoI about Reserved Category – A with Reserved Category – B and vice-versa with the following details:-

SRNO	PASSPORT NO	NAME	DOB	RESERVED CATEGORY	COVER NOS			REMARK
					2009	2010	2011	
1			DOB	A				
2			DOB	A				
3				B	COVER	COVER	COVER	

HCoI allow the supervisor to enter this type of cases.