

HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

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The Executive Officer / Secretary,
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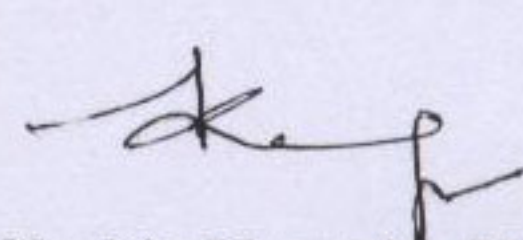
Sub.: Haj 1434 (H) – 2013.

In continuation to the earlier Circulars issued by the Haj Committee of India, certain clarifications on the specific issues being raised by a few Haj Applicants in their respective State / Union Territories regarding Haj Pilgrimage are as under :-

Item No.	Issues	Clarification
1.	Status of person applying for Haj through HCOI who has been deputed earlier as Khadimul Hujjaj / Haj Deputationist like AHO or Haj Assistant etc.	Khadimul Hujjaj / Haj Deputationist like AHO or Haj Assistant etc. who visited the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to perform his / her official duties, as such, they are eligible to apply for Haj – 2013 like other Haj Applicants.
2.	Status of person applying for Haj through HCOI, who is holding the status of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) or Person of Indian Origin	Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) or Person of Indian Origin are not eligible. Only Indian Muslim Citizens can make Application for Haj through Haj Committee of India having Indian International Passport as per norms mentioned in the Guidelines for Haj 1434 (H) – 2013.
3.	What if a Haj applicant is Indian Muslim Citizen but his / her spouse is a Foreigner? Can both apply for Haj together through Haj Committee of India?	No foreigner is permitted to make application for Haj through Haj Committee of India. Only Indian Muslim Citizens can apply for Haj through Haj Committee of India having Indian International Passport as per norms mentioned in the Guidelines for Haj 1434 (H) – 2013.
4.	What if applicants already eligible for Reserved Category “A” and “B” intend to apply for Haj – 2013 in the same Cover.	They can do so, but their Cover will be registered only under Reserved Category “B” (Not under Category “A”) for Haj – 2013.

5.	Can a Haj applicant/s, whose relative/s reside in another State be permitted to apply from State Haj Committee other than his/her/their residing State?	No. However, Exemption can be granted in case of MEHRAM to lady Pilgrims, upon written requests from such lady Applicants after proper verification.
6.	Can Special permission be granted to any person, who is handicapped (amputated or suffering from Polio)?	Such persons can be permitted only if they are self-reliant and active enough to take care of themselves or applying with Companion, who would look after him/her during the entire Haj journey.
7.	Status of Lady Haj Applicant, who is continuously applying for Haj since last three years and this year (Haj-2013) being her 4th year but her Mehram expired during this period. Can she be allowed to apply with new Mehram under Reserved "B" category.	Such lady Pilgrim is eligible to apply for Haj – 2013 under Reserved "B" category, being 4th Timer. However, new Mehram will be considered only in case of DEATH as Substitute Mehram – subject to the condition that new Mehram fulfills all other norms and conditions formulated in the Guidelines for Haj – 2013.
8.	Can a 70+ person having no companion be allowed to apply for Haj – 2013 under Reserved Category "A" ?	No. Such person can apply only under General Category. However, no single lady, whosoever, is permitted to apply for Haj without Mehram (companion).




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