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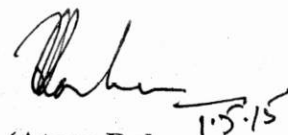
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Subject : Banned items and other restrictions for the pilgrims of Haj – 2015.

Haj Committee of India (HCoI) makes arrangements for Indian pilgrims to proceed for Haj pilgrimage from various Embarkation Points. A set of regulations / guidelines are published for the benefit of the Haj pilgrims. There is a specific mention of banned items and other restrictions at para 25 of the Guidelines for Haj – 2015. The items whose import into KSA is banned include Khash-khash, Viagra tablets, Sexual oil and cream, Synthetic Capore, Cystone, Khammera, Gutkha, Khaini, Gul, Peppermint or Narcotics in any form, political literature, photographs, pornographic material of any kind. Person(s) who violate these instructions of carrying banned items shall be liable to severe punishment, including life-time imprisonment and even Death penalty as per the law of KSA. The issue is brought forth before the Trainers also to sensitize the pilgrims during their training sessions.

2. Despite these Guidelines and training, there have been specific instances from certain Embarkation Points during Haj 2013 and 2014, where pilgrims have been caught with sexual stimulants like Viagra Tablets, Sexual oil, Creams etc. This is a very serious issue which needs to be dealt with sternly.

3. Wide publicity may be given amongst the pilgrims to sensitize them about strict adherence to the above instructions. Specifically during the district-wise Orientation/Training programmes these instructions should be impressed upon the pilgrims. The respective State Haj Committees must take a proactive action to stop such instances.



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