To,

Chief Executive Officer,
Haj Committee of India,
Baitul Hujjaj (Haj House),
7-A, MRA Marg (Palton Road),
Mumbai – 400 001

Subject: Guidelines for Haj 2018 – News report published in the Indian Express

Sir,

I am directed to refer to HCol’s letter No. HC-13/205/2017/3850 dated 28.12.2017 on the above subject and to say that the matter has been considered in the Ministry. Considering the fact that “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016”, has come into force from December, 2016, the Haj Policy and Haj guidelines are required to be aligned with it. The nomenclatures used in the Haj policy/ guidelines are also required to be in consonance with the terms used in the said Act.

2. Accordingly, Haj Committee of India is advised to examine the provisions with regard to differently-abled persons and other disabilities barring people from undertaking Haj pilgrimage in terms of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in consultation with the experts and recommend necessary corrections/amendments in the Haj Policy/ guidelines.

Your faithfully,

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