

HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Statuary body of Ministry Constituted under the Act of Parliament No. 35 of 2002)
Ministry of Minority Affairs

Haj House,
7/A, M.R.A. Marg,
(Palton Road),
Mumbai – 400 001.

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Sub: Speedy disposal of Passport Application.

A copy of Circular No.VI/401/1/1/2016 dated 26th October 2018 issued by Joint Secretary (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi regarding speedy disposal of passport applications for Haj - 2019, is enclosed for information of all concerned.



(Dr. Maqsood Ahmed Khan)
Chief Executive Officer.

Encl.: As stated above.

1. The Executive Officer / Secretary, all State/U.T Haj Committee;
2. The Chairman & all Members, Haj Committee of India;
3. Joint Secretary (H/W), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi;
4. The Incharge, Computer Section, Haj Committee of India for uploading on website.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CPV Division

From	:	Foreign New Delhi
To	:	1. All RPOs 2. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration [Assistant Secretary (Home)]
Rpt	:	(1) JS (EAMO) (2) US to MOS (VKS) (3) Dir (FSO) (4) Secretary (CPV & OIA) (5) Secretary (ER) (6) JS (Gulf) (7) OSD (PSP), MEA (8) Haj Committee of India (Dr. Maqsood Ahmed Khan, CEO, Haj House, 7-A, M.R.A. Marg, Palton Road, Mumbai-400001)
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Haj 2019: Speedy disposal of Passport Applications

The Haj Committee of India has informed the Ministry that the announcement for the intending pilgrims of Haj 2019 has been made. The application forms for Haj 2019 have been made available from 18.10.2018. The last date for submission of Haj Application Forms by the applicants to their respective States/UT Haj Committee has been fixed as 17.11.2018. As per the laid down norms, only those applicants who possess machine readable valid passports issued on or before 17.11.2018 with validity at least upto 31.01.2020, would be permitted to apply for Haj 2019.

2. In view of the above, all Passport Offices are directed to accord high priority to process the Passport Applications of prospective Haj Pilgrims and ensure timely issuance of Passports in such cases upon completion of requisite documentation, Police Verification and other formalities.

3. As you are aware, the Haj Committee of India and the Ministry of External Affairs (through Passport Offices) have run a campaign to create public awareness about the requirement of a valid Passport by Haj Applicants. Nonetheless, there could be last minute rush for submission of

Passport Applications by intending pilgrims. You are therefore, requested, to extend requisite assistance for expeditious issuance of Passports to prospective Haj applicants by means of nominating a nodal officer, opening of facilitation counters, reserving appointment slots for such applicants, and attending to requests/grievance petitions received from such citizens in a prompt manner.

4. All the Verification Officers, Granting Officers and officials of M/s TCS be advised accordingly.

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(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)
Joint Secretary (PSP) &
Chief Passport Officer