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Sub: Allotment of Two Hundred (200) Haj Seats in Mehram Category.

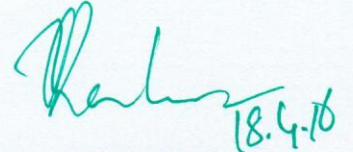
As per Islamic Law, a lady cannot undertake pilgrimage unless accompanied by a Sharai Mehram. There are cases where a lady pilgrim who wants to perform Haj is left out due to non-availability of passport, not applying within specified time etc and her only Mehram has got selected for Haj-2016. In such cases, the female intending pilgrim needs to be included in the Cover of her selected Mehram, as otherwise, she may not be able to perform Haj in subsequent years for want of Mehram. Therefore, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi has allocated a quota of 200 Haj seats to be utilized to include such lady pilgrims in the Covers of already confirmed Mehram pilgrims. Haj Application Form (HAF) for selection in this category may be submitted by eligible lady pilgrims to their respective State / Union Territory Haj Committee on or before **23rd May, 2016.** In no case shall the last date be extended for submission of HAF in this category.

2. Applications received in this category should be complete in all respects with requisite declarations. The applicant should mention the following in the application:-

- i) Reason for not applying for Haj- 2016 with the selected Mehram during Haj Application phase;
- ii) Enclose valid documents to prove the relationship of the lady applicant with the Mehram, failing which the application would be summarily rejected;
- iii) The reason for which the lady applicant intends to go with this particular Mehram only, for Haj- 2016;
- iv) Why the lady applicant cannot go for Haj in coming years;
- v) Age of the lady applicant;
- vi) Availability of any other **Sharai Mehram** in the family;
- vii) Any other information the lady applicant wants to provide;

3. The applications of all such eligible lady applicants, received in the respective State/ U.T. Haj Committee on or before **23rd May, 2016, duly recommended by State / U.T. Haj Committee, after due verification and thorough checking of the genuineness of the individual cases in the light of Guidelines formulated for Haj 2016** may be forwarded to Haj Committee of India upto **30th May, 2016**. In case any discrepancy is found at a later stage, the onus would lie upon the respective State/ Union Territory Haj committee. Haj Committee of India shall consider the applications received on this account on merit, subject to availability of seats. In case of receipt of excess applications, **draw of lots (qurrah)** will be conducted to allot Haj seats to the eligible applicants.

4. Wide publicity may be given to this Circular for the convenience of pilgrims of Haj- 1437 (H) - 2016.



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