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### **Subject : Important information for Pilgrims of Haj – 2016.**

Consulate General of India, Jeddah have conveyed the following information about certain arrangements for the pilgrims of Haj – 2016 :-

- 1) **SIM Card :** The Saudi Telecom Regulatory Authority, Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC), have made fingerprinting mandatory for the registration and operation of both Pre-paid and Post-paid SIM Cards in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The requirement of mandatory fingerprint would involve longer time for taking finger imprints, especially from aged pilgrims. Further, the SIM cards would be available after reaching Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Consulate will make arrangements for providing facility to give SIM cards in the Branch Offices of Indian Haj Pilgrims Office.
- 2) **Mashaer Train Facility :** Due to last year's Mina Stampede incident, the Saudi Authorities are quite concerned about various arrangements for Haj, including the Mashaer Train Facility and crowding at the Train Stations. They have decided to reduce the number of Mashaer Train users, including 35,000 Haj Committee of India pilgrims. These pilgrims would have to use the bus facility for commuting in Mashaer Region during the core Haj period. Saudi Haj Ministry and South Asian Moassassa are taking due care by allotting Maktab locations as per the facility provided to the Hajis either for Train or bus.

State Haj Committees are requested to sensitize the pilgrims in this regard.



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