

# HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Statutory body of Ministry of Minority Affairs)

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

Ref.No. HC-14/221/2016/3995

Date : 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.


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### **Subject : Haj – 2017. Speedy disposal of Passport Application.**

A copy of Circular No.VI/401/1/1/2016 dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 issued by Joint Secretary (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer, Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi regarding speedy disposal of passport applications for Haj – 2017 is enclosed for information of all concerned.

  
(Aatur Rahman)  
Chief Executive Officer.

Encl : As stated above.

1. The Executive Officer, All State/U.T. Haj Committees.
2. Chairman & All Members, Haj Committee of India, for kind information.
3. The In-charge, Computer Section, Haj Committee of India for uploading on website of HCoI.



**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF JOINT SECRETARY (PSP) &  
CHIEF PASSPORT OFFICER**

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| <b>From</b> : | <b>Foreign, New Delhi</b>  |
| <b>To</b> :   | <b>1. All RPOs<br/>2. Andaman &amp; Nicobar Inlands Administration<br/>[Assistant Secretary (Home)]</b>  |
| <b>Rpt</b> :  | <b>(1) JS (EAMO)<br/>(2) US to MOS (VKS); DS to MOS (MJA).<br/>(3) Dir (FSO)<br/>(4) Secretary(ER)<br/>(5) Secretary (CPV &amp; OIA)<br/>(6) JS (Gulf)<br/>(7) Director (PSP), MEA.<br/>(8) Haj Committee of India (Shri Aaur Rehman, CEO, Haj House, 7 - M.R. A. Marg, Palton Road, Mumbai-400001).</b> |
| <b>No.</b> :  | <b>VI/401/1/1/2016</b>   |
| <b>Date</b> : | <b>January 05, 2017</b>  |

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**Haj 2017 : Speedy disposal of Passport Applications**

The Haj Committee of India has informed the Ministry that the announcement for the intending pilgrims of Haj 2017 has been made. The application forms for Haj 2017 are available from 02.01.2017. The last date for submission of Haj application forms by the applicants to their respective States/UT Haj Committee has been fixed as the 24.01.2017. As per the laid down norms, only those applicants who possess machine readable valid passports with validity at least up to 28.02.2018, would be permitted to apply for Haj 2017.

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 a last minute rush for submission of Passport Applications by intending pilgrims. You are therefore, requested, to extend the 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 very prompt manner.

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



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

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