

# HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002)

Under Ministry of Minority Affairs

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

Ref.No.HC/14/211/2017.

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.


## CIRCULAR

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### Sub: Speedy disposal of Passport Application.

A copy of Circular No.VI/401/1/1/2016 dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 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 - 2018, 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 for kind information.
3. 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) Director (EAMO) (2) US to MOS (VKS); DS to MOS (MJA) (3) Dir (FSO) (4) Secretary (ER) (5) Secretary (CPV & OIA) (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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**CIRCULAR**

**Haj 2018: Speedy disposal of Passport Applications**

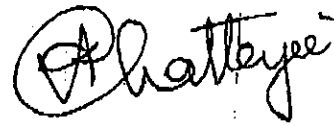
The Haj Committee of India has informed the Ministry that the announcement for the intending pilgrims of Haj 2018 has been made. The application forms for Haj 2018 have been made available from 15.11.2017. The last date for submission of Haj Application Forms by the applicants to their respective States/UT Haj Committee has been fixed as 07.12.2017. As per the laid down norms, only those applicants who possess machine readable valid passports with validity at least upto 24.02.2019, would be permitted to apply for Haj 2018.

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 Applications. 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 office, opening of facilitation counter, 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.



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