

# HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

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(Ministry of Minority Affairs)

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## CIRCULAR

**Subject: Differential Amount payable by selected pilgrims for Haj 1439 (H) – 2018.**

In continuation to Revised Circular No.20 dated 24.04.2018, the following revision are made:

(A) The Madinah accommodation rentals has been negotiated with the groups of Accommodation providers and succeeded in achieving a reduction in rate from SAR. 950/- to SAR. 900/- (reduction of SAR. 50/-).

However, there has been an unprecedented increase in the cost of Haj-2018 as compared to the initial Circular No. 20 dated 24.04.2018. The factors leading to this increase are as follows:

- 1) Increase in transportation charges (Bus Fare) from SAR 347.50 to SAR 391.18.
- 2) Increase in Mashaer Region Metro Train Fare from SAR 250 to SAR 400.
- 3) Introduction of Bed charges in Mina Tents @ SAR 147 (Inclusive of VAT @ 5%).
- 4) Increase in rates of Adahi Coupons by IDB from SAR 450 to SAR 475.
- 5) In addition to the above, it is informed that remittances have been made to CGI, Jeddah in five instalments at varying Saudi Arabian Riyal rates. The weighted average of these remittances works out to Rs 17.9106 per SAR, whereas collection of Haj amount for Haj 2018 was @ Rs 17.6010 per SAR.
- 6) Also, due to increase in airport taxes by Air India, additional amount is to be paid by Pilgrims embarking from following embarkation points:

Sr. No.	Embarkation Points (AI)	Difference Amount Payabale.
1.	Chennai	Rs. 200/-
2.	Goa	Rs. 850/-
3.	Kolkata	Rs. 850/-
4.	Mumbai	Rs. 250/-
5.	Nagpur	Rs. 200/-
6.	Srinagar	Rs. 900/-
7.	Varanasi	Rs. 850/-

The net effect of the above variations (except at Sr no 4 & 6), is resulting in an additional expenditure in respect of cost of Haj 2018, to the extent of;

- 1) Rs 7,750/- for Green Category (RAS/RAS)
- 2) Rs 7,150/- for Azizya Category. (RAS/RAS)
- 3) Rs 8,350/- for Green Category (Only Madinah Exemption)
- 4) Rs 7,750/- for Azizya Category. (Only Madinah Exemption)
- 5) Rs 6,350/- for Only Makkah Exemption (EXM/RAS)
- 6) Rs 6,950/- for Both Exemption (EXM/EXM)

**(B)** Moreover, it is stated that expenditure on optional items (Adahi, Johfa Meeqat and Repeater charges) is also increased due to fluctuation in SAR rates. The Pilgrims who have opted Adahi, Johfa Meeqat and Repeater Pilgrims **are required to pay following extra amount in addition to the amount mentioned (A) above.**

- i) Pilgrims opting for Qurbani (Adahi) Coupons of IDB, will now have to pay Rs. 8,508/-, and those who have already paid Rs. 8,000/- have to pay **an extra amount of Rs. 508/-.**
- ii) Pilgrims opting for JOHFA as MEEQAT, are required to pay **an extra amount of Rs. 31/- per pilgrim.**
- iii) The repeater pilgrims will now have to pay Rs. 35,821/-, and those who have already paid Rs. 35,202/-, are required to pay **an extra amount of Rs. 619/- per pilgrim.**

The additional amount as 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment can be paid by cash or transfer using appropriate Green Pay-in-Slip attached with the Haj Guidelines in any branch of State Bank of India into HCoI Account No. 32175020010 "Fee Type 25" OR Union Bank of India into HCoI Haj Amount Account No.318702010406009 OR online at [www.hajcommittee.gov.in](http://www.hajcommittee.gov.in)

**Pilgrims are requested to check their payable amount on Haj Committee of India website. Kindly note that all payment including this must be made on or before 10.07.2018 without which confirmation of flight will not be done.**



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