

**Ministry of External Affairs
(CPV Division)**

No. VI/401/1/1/2014

New Delhi, the 14th February, 2014

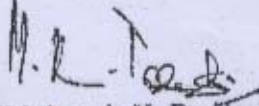
CIRCULAR

Haj 2014 : Speedy disposal of Passport Applications

As informed by the Haj Committee of India, the announcement for the intending pilgrims of Haj 2014 has been made. The application forms for Haj 2014 are available from 1st February, 2014. The last date for submission of Haj application forms by the applicants to their respective State/UT Haj Committee has been fixed as the 15th March, 2014. As per laid down norms, only those applicants who possess valid passport issued on or before the 15th March, 2014 (with passport validity at least up to 31.03.2015) will be permitted to apply for Haj 2014.

2. In view of the above, all Passport Offices are directed to accord high priority to processing 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 last minute rush for submission of passport applications by intending pilgrims. You are requested, therefore, to extend requisite assistance for expeditious issuance of passports to prospective Haj applicants by means of nominating a nodal officer; opening of facilitation counter; reserving appointment slots for such applicants; and attending to requests/grievance petitions received from such citizens in a very prompt manner.


(Muktesh K. Pardeshi)
Joint Secretary (PSP) & CPO

1. All RPOs
2. Andaman & Nicobar islands Administration (Assistant Secretary (Home))

Copy for information to :

1. JS (EAMO/PS to MOS (EA)/PS to MOS (PK)
2. Director (FSO)
3. Secretary (East)
4. Special Secretary (AD & CPV)
5. JS (Gulf & Haj)
6. Haj Committee of India (Shri Ataur Rehman, CEO- Haj House, 7-A, M.R.A. Marg, Mumbai - 400001)