

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

Regarding Clarifications on Press Release of 29.4.2016.

1. Submission of documents:

As laid down in Para 4 of the press release dated 29.4.2016, all PTOs applying for registration for Haj 2016 are required to furnish documents as detailed in the Annexures A, B & C along with duly filled in Form D. As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court no. 33/2015 for SLP(C) 28609/2011 dated 12.5.2015, PTOs are required to submit all the documents either for 2013-14 (Haj 2013) or 2014-15 (Haj 2014). However, in case PTOs have not been allotted quota for Haj in these years and are submitting documents consequent upon the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court, they should furnish an undertaking that they were not allotted quota in Haj 2013 or Haj 2014 citing the reasons for the same including orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, if any. It may be noted that even PTOs who would not submit the documents for Haj 2013 or Haj 2014 due to valid reasons are required to furnish all other documents for 2013-14 or 2014-15 as laid down in the press release and as per order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12.5.2015.

2. Medical insurance:

Regarding medical insurance, attention of PTOs is invited to Annexure A (ii) of the PTO Policy 2013-17 laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 16th April, 2013. PTOs' should accordingly comply with laid down terms and conditions.

3. Information of Maktab:

Information regarding Maktab number/Name of service provider and local correspondence address in Saudi Arabia has been sought in Form D (Point xv and xxii). This information should be provided for Haj 2015. In case PTO was not allotted quota in Haj 2015, information for the last Haj when the PTOs was allotted quota should be provided. First time applicants will be exempted from this requirement.

4. Registration of PTOs under category-II by virtue of facilitating a minimum of 50 Umrah pilgrims in a year for any five years - Para 3 of the Press Release dated 29.4.2016:

PTOs applying in terms of Para 3 of the Press Release dated 29.4.2016 should submit a copy of the contract entered into between the respective PTO and the company licensed by the Government of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as a proof of hiring of accommodation as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the PTOs Policy 2013-17 under Annexure B (xiii) and Annexure C (10).
