

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(HAJ DIVISION)

Reference Ministry's Press Release of 21 May 2015, in which PTOs who had qualified for registration for Haj 2015 (253 PTOs in Category I and 362 in Category II) were requested to send documents for verification. In addition new PTOs who had taken a minimum of 50 pilgrims in a year on Umrah during any 5 years were also requested to send their applications. These documents have been scrutinised carefully by an independent Chartered Accountancy firm.

2. A total of 36,000 seats have been allocated to Private Tour Operators (PTOs) for Haj 2015, which are being distributed. A draw of lots for a random selection of PTOs for allocation of quota has been made through a computer software programme specially developed by M/s National Informatics Centre (NIC). The seats are being allotted to PTOs as follows :

Category I – 25,200 seats. These have been distributed among 255 PTOs, with 210 PTOs being allocated 99 seats each and remaining 45 PTOs being allotted 98 seats each, through draw of lots.

Category II – 10,800 seats. These have been distributed among 216 PTOs out of the 303 PTOs who had qualified. [**Note** : 50 PTOs out of 53 PTOs who had qualified but could not be allotted quota during Haj 2012 and Haj 2013, have been allocated 50 seats each without draw of lots]. In addition, 3 PTOs which could not be granted quota in 2014 during draw of lots; have been included for allocation of quota for Haj 2015 without draw of lots. In addition, 2 PTOs have qualified, consequent to judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 07.07.2015. Thus, 55 PTOs have been allotted quota without draw of lots. The remaining 161 PTOs out of 303 PTOs have been selected by a draw of lots for allocation of quota @ 50 seats each, to make a total of 216 PTOs under Category-II.

3. The Category-wise list of PTOs is placed at Annexure I & Annexure II.

4. The PTOs listed in Annexure I & Annexure II are requested to collect their certificates for allocation of quota for Haj-2015 from Haj Division, Room No. 305, ISIL Building, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi from 1500 hours onward on 1st August, 2015. The individual PTO who wish to collect the Certificate, should bring a proof of their identification. PTOs Associations can collect the certificates of the PTOs under their Associations on production of an authority letter from the concerned PTO.
