## HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

Under Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Haj House, 7-A, M.R.A Marg., Mumbai-400 001

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## **CIRCULAR**

The Secretary/Executive Officer,
All State/Union Territory Haj Committees.

Sub.: Haj Pilgrimage - Requisition of International Passport.

A sizeable number of intending Haj Pilgrims either fail to apply for Haj pilgrimage or do not proceed for Haj, even after getting provisionally selected, due to non-availability of Passport.

It has a tendency amongst Haj aspirants to apply for International Passport only after Haj Announcement. It is necessary to overcome this draw back by educating the intending Haj Pilgrims to obtain international Passport well before the time so that they do not feel any inconvenience on this score.

(It has been decided by the Haj Committee of India that from Haj 2012 onward only valid Passport holders will be eligible to apply for Haj.)

Against this backdrop, it is requested to educate / encourage the intending Haj Pilgrims of the next Haj to apply for international Passport as soon possible so that they could obtain the same well before the Announcement for Haj 2012 by using local print/ electronic media.

Your kind co-operation in serving the noble cause of Haj Pilgrims is highly solicited.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. S.Shakir Hussain)IRS Chief Executive Officer.

Copy to:

1) All Chief Secretaries of Concerned States.

2) Chairman & Members of Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.

3) All Chairman, State Haj committee.