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# Govt. of India Ministry of Minority Affairs

## Haj Committee of India

(Constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002)

Section: Passport

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#### CIRCULAR

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Sub.: Speedy disposal of Passport Application.

A copy of Circular No.VI/401/1/1/2016 dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 issued by Joint Secretary (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi regarding speedy processing of Passport Applications of prospective Haj Pilgrims for Haj - 2025, is enclosed for information of all concerned.

Signed by Leyaqat Ali Aafaqui

Date: 11-09-2024 17:32:58

(Leyaqat Ali Aafaqui IRS) CEO, Haj Committee of India

Encl.: As stated above.

- 1. The Executive Officer/ Secretary, all State/U.T Haj Committees for information and necessary action.
- 2. The In-charge, Computer Section, Haj Committee of India for uploading on the website of HCol.



#### Ministry of External Affairs/विदेश मंत्रालय PSP Division/पी.एस.पी विभाग

From	:	Foreign New Delhi
То	:	1. All Regional Passport Offices in India
		2. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration [Assistant Secretary (Home)]
	:	(1) Secretary (CPV & OIA)
Rpt		(2) JS, Ministry of Minority Affairs
		(3) JS (Gulf), MEA
		(4) JS (EAMO)
		(5) Director to MOS (KVS)
		(6) Director (FSO)
		(7) OSD (PSP-PMU), MEA
No.	:	No. VI/401/1/1/2016
Date	:	September 10, 2024

#### CIRCULAR

### Haj 2025: Speedy disposal of Passport Applications

Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India has informed the Ministry that the preparations for Haj 2025 have been commenced by the Government of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Furthermore, Haj Committee of India (HCoI) has issued circular inviting applications for intending Haj Pilgrims for Haj-2025. The circular advises all intending Haj pilgrims for 2025 to ensure their machine-readable international passports are issued on or before 23.09.2024 and are valid upto 15.01.2026, enabling them to apply for Haj pilgrimage.

- 2. In view of the above, all Passport Offices are directed to accord high priority to process 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. There could be last minute rush for submission of passport applications by intending pilgrims. All Passport Offices are therefore requested to extend requisite assistance to prospective Haj applicants by means of nominating a nodal officer, opening of facilitation counters,

- reserving appointment slots for such applicants and attending to requests/ grievance petitions received from such citizens in a prompt manner.
- 4. All the Verification Officers, Granting Officers and officials of Service Provider be advised accordingly.

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