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CIRCULAR

Subject: Updates and Instructions for Pilgrims of Haj-2026 (1447 H)

All pilgrims proceeding for Haj-2026 (1447 H) through the Haj Committee of India are advised to carefully note the following instructions and updates to ensure a smooth, safe, and hassle-free journey:

A. **Submission of Passport:** In a significant facilitation measure this year, the requirement of prior submission of passports has been dispensed with. Pilgrims are required to:

1. Keep their **original passport in safe personal custody**.
2. Carry the passport **at the time of reporting** to the Embarkation Point.
3. Need not worry if already submitted to the State Haj Committee/Embarkation Point.
4. Note that **travel documents will be issued only upon production of the original passport** at the Embarkation Point.

B. **Verification of Passport:** As passports will remain with the pilgrims, it is essential to verify the same well in advance as per the checklist below:

1. **Validity:** Passport must be valid **at least up to 31.12.2026**.
2. **Physical Condition:** Passport should be in **good condition**, without damage, torn pages, or lamination issues.
3. **Blank Pages:** Must have **at least two consecutive blank pages** for visa/stamping.
4. **Personal Details:** Ensure that **name, photograph, date of birth, and other details** are correct and match Haj application records.
5. **Discrepancies:** Any discrepancy/damage must be **immediately reported to the concerned State/UT Haj Committee**.

C. **Confirmation of Flight Booking:** Pilgrims shall be required to confirm their flight booking by logging into the HCoI portal or the Haj Suvidha App and retain the receipt generated thereafter. A duly signed copy of this receipt will be required at the time of collection of Haj Kit/travel documents at the Embarkation Point. A separate circular in this regard will be issued in due course.

D. **Reporting at Embarkation Point / Airport:** Pilgrims must report at their respective Embarkation Point/Haj House **24 hours, instead of 48 hours**, before the scheduled departure of their flight, unless otherwise communicated by the State Haj Committee handling the concerned Embarkation Point. Pilgrims directly proceeding to the airport should reach **at least**

6 hours prior to departure to avoid any risk of missing the flight. They must ensure that they carry **all required travel documents and the Haj Kit** issued by the Haj Committee of India.

E. **Travel Document Checklist:** Before leaving home for the Embarkation Point, pilgrims must ensure that they are carrying all the following documents:

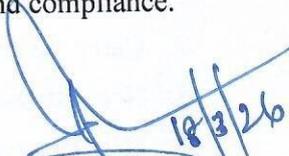
1. Original Passport (Both Old and New, if visa issued on old passport)
2. Health Card / Medical Fitness & Vaccination Certificate (Original)
3. Copy of Payment Receipts
4. Duly Signed Receipt of Flight Confirmation (generated at the time of confirmation of flight booking as per Para C above)
5. Any other document/item issued by HCoI/State Haj Committee

Pilgrims are strongly advised to **double-check all documents** before departure.

F. **Collection of Haj Kit:** Haj Kit, including smartwatch, ID card, visa, and other travel documents, shall be collected from the respective Embarkation Point. The Cover Head is required to collect the kit on behalf of all Cover members by producing the documents mentioned under Para 'E' above.

In case a pilgrim authorizes another person to collect the documents on their behalf, it may be done at their own risk. The authorized person must carry **his/her original Aadhaar Card**, a duly signed **authorization letter (as per Annexure-I)**, along with the requisite documents mentioned at Para 'E' above.

2 All State / Union Territory Haj Committees are requested to circulate the above information widely among pilgrims and ensure necessary facilitation and compliance.


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Chief Executive Officer

Copy to:

1. The Joint Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, New Delhi.
2. The Director (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, New Delhi.
3. The CGI & Consul (Haj), Consulate General of India, Jeddah.
3. The Executive Officer, All State/ Union Territory Haj Committees.
4. Deputy CEO's and Superintendents, HCoI.
5. In-Charge, Computer Section, HCoI, for uploading on HCoI website.

ANNEXURE-I

(Referred to in Para F of Circular No. 34 dated 17.03.2026)

AUTHORIZATION LETTER FOR COLLECTION OF HAJ KIT / TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

I, **Mr./Ms.** _____

Head of Cover No. _____

Mobile No. _____

do hereby authorize **Mr./Ms.** _____

S/o / D/o _____

Aadhaar No. _____

Resident of _____

Mobile No. _____

to collect my **Haj Kit**, including **Smartwatch, ID Card, Visa, and other travel documents**,
on behalf of myself and my Cover members from the designated Embarkation Point.

2. I have handed over the following documents to my representative.
1. Original Passport (Both Old and New, if visa issued on old passport)
 2. Health Card / Medical Fitness & Vaccination Certificate (Original)
 3. Copy of Payment Receipts
 4. Duly Signed Receipt of Flight Confirmation (generated at the time of confirmation of flight booking as per Para C above)
 5. Any other document issued by HCoI/State Haj Committee
3. I hereby undertake that:
1. I have authorized the above-mentioned person at my own risk.
 2. I shall be fully responsible for any loss, misuse, or discrepancy arising out of such authorization.
 3. I shall not hold Haj Committee of India / State Haj Committee responsible for handing over the kit/documents to the authorized person.

Signature of Pilgrim / Cover Head: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

Signature of Authorized Person: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

Instructions:

- The authorized person must carry this letter in original, duly signed by the pilgrim.
- The authorized person must produce his/her **original Aadhaar Card** at the time of collection.