

Government of India  
Ministry of Minority Affairs  
**Haj Committee of India**

(Statuary body constituted under the Act of Parliament No. 35 of 2002)  
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14<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

**CIRCULAR**

**Haj - 2023**

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**Sub.: Speedy disposal of Passport Application - reg.**

A copy of Circular No.VI/401/1/1/2016 dated 18.01.2023 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-2023, is enclosed for information of all concerned.

(Mohd. Yakoob Shekha)  
Chief Executive Officer

14/2/23

Encl.: As stated above.

To,

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.



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

From	:	Foreign New Delhi
To	:	1. All Passport Offices in India 2. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration [Assistant Secretary (Home)]
Rpt	:	(1) Secretary (CPV & OIA) (2) JS, Ministry of Minority Affairs (3) JS (Gulf), MEA (4) JS (EAMO) (5) Director to MOS (VM) (6) DS (FSO) (7) OSD (PSP), MEA
No.	:	No. VI/401/1/1/2016
Date	:	January 18, 2023

**CIRCULAR**

**Haj 2023: Speedy disposal of Passport Applications**


The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India has informed the Ministry that the process for inviting online Haj applications for Haj 2023 is expected to be open shortly. They had further stated that this year the country has received a quota of 175,025 for Indian pilgrims. But like in the previous years, only those pilgrims who have machine readable Indian Passports will be eligible to apply. Since the application for Haj, 2023 is expected at a larger scale, it is likely that the Regional Passport Offices will receive a number of applications for renewal or for the issue of new passports.

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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. It is anticipated that 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, 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 may be advised accordingly.



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