

HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Statutory body constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002)

Under Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

Bait-ul-Hujjaj (Haj House), 7-A, M.R.A. Marg, (Palton Raod), Mumbai-400 001.

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CIRCULAR

Sub.: Amendment in the Haj Guidelines regarding Age restrictions for Haj – 2023.

It is intimated that the authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have decided that children below the age of 12 year are not allowed to proceed for Haj 1444 (H) - 2023 (C.E.) considering the fact that it is not appropriate to accompany children under the age of 12 years to ensure their safety.

In view of the position explained above, *“no application of children below the age of 12 years (as on 30.04.2023) including infants will be entertained for Haj 1444 (H) - 2023 (C.E.). Therefore, all Haj Applications of children below 12 years including infants registered till date will be rejected for Haj 1444 (H) – 2023 (C.E.)”*.

It is expected that the authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia might stipulate further health and administrative guidelines in view of the prevailing conditions. The same shall be notified accordingly in due course of time.

(Mohd. Yakoob Shekha)
Chief Executive Officer.

To :

The Executive Officer, All State/U.T. Haj Committees with the request that the content of this Circular may be given wide publicity among the public in general and intending Haj Pilgrims in particular by using electronic media/Social Media Platform/Press Releases etc. in the public interest.

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4. The Under Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
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