

**Ministry of External Affairs
(Haj Division)**

Clarifications on Press Release issued on 21.5.2015

The 73 PTOs (20 in Category-I and 53 in Category-II) who have been qualified in the light of judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 07.8.2014, are requested to submit following documents only:

- i) Security deposit of Rs. 25 lacs in the form of fixed deposits with a Nationalized Bank valid till 31 January, 2016,
- ii) A Demand Draft of Rs. 5000/-(non-refundable) in favour of Haj Committee of India, payable at Mumbai
- iii) Documents mentioned under clause (ii), (iii) (iv), (v), (vi), (viii), and (ix) of Annexure A of the PTOs Policy 2013-17.

2. New PTOs to be registered with MEA on Umrah basis:

The new PTOs who wish to be registered with MEA under Category-II on the basis of minimum 50 pilgrims taken by them on Umrah during a year in any 5 years, can also apply and send following documents for verification:

- 1. Documents showing Annual Turnover of Rs. 1 crore or more either for the year 2012-13 or 2013-14.
- 2. List of 50 Umrah pilgrims taken by the PTOs in a year for any 5 years
- 3. Proof of payment for Air ticket and accommodation for Umrah pilgrims through banking or other authorized channels for either 2012-13 or 2013-14.

These PTOs are exempted from submitting documents mentioned at Clause (vii), (x), (xi) and (xii) of Annexure A which are meant for PTOs

taking pilgrims on 'Haj'. The PTOs should also submit other documents as stipulated in Annexure A.

(The PTOs already registered with the Ministry on facilitating Haj as indicated in the PTOs Policy 2013-17 and allotted Category numbers, cannot apply as new PTO on Umrah basis even if they are disqualified for quota for any year on Haj basis.)

3. PTOs who were not allocated quota in 2012 and 2013:

The PTOs under Category-I and Category-II who have been qualified in 2013 but did not get quota in 2012 and in 2013, are exempted to submit documents indicated in clause (vii), (x), (xi) and (xii) of Annexure A of the PTOs Policy. The PTOs should however, submit documents mentioned under clause (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) (viii) and (ix) of Annexure A of the PTOs Policy.

4. 3 qualified PTOs of Haj-2014 who did not get quota:

The below mentioned three PTOs who were qualified for Haj-2014 but could not get quota due to draw of lots, are requested not to send the following documents mentioned in Annexure A, C and D. They however, must submit the other documents for the year 2012-13 or 2013-14 as detailed at Annexure A, B, C & D of the Press Release of 21.5.2015:

- 1) M/S Al-Hudha Hajj Umrah Service - CAT-II/48
- 2) M/S Al Habib Tours & Travels - CAT-II/123
- 3) M/S Al Multazam Haj Tour & Travels - CAT-II/269

Documents exempted:

a) Annexure-A

Documents mentioned at (vii), (x), (xi) and (xii)

b) Annexure-C

Documents mentioned at 7 (ii), 9 and 24

c) Annexure -D

Documents mentioned at B-(vii), B-(x), B-(xi) and B-(xiv)

5. **Other clarifications:**

(i) **Para 6 of the Press Release and Clause (xiii) of Annexure B of the PTOs Policy.**

As explained in Para 2 above.

(ii) **Point (ii) of Annexure A & Point (iii) of B of Annexure D:**

The Medical Insurance may be read as "Group Accident Compensation Insurance".

(iii) **Point vi of Annexure A, Point 23 of C and Point vi of B of Annexure D:**

The Documents for Minimum Capital of Rs. 15 lakhs may be submitted for March 31, 2013 or March 31, 2014.

(iv) **Point no vii and xii of B of Annexure D (Point/Note No. 5):**

The PTOs should submit the relevant documents for the year 2012-13 or 2013-14.

(v) **Point no. v of Annexure A & Point no. iv of Annexure D:**

The qualified PTOs where there has been no change in their address can submit certified true copy of their Drawing/Layout Plan. However, in case there has been any change in the address, PTOs will have to submit a fresh approved drawing/layout plan duly approved by the competent authority of the State Government/UT in original.

(vi) **Point no. 5 of vii of B of Annexure D:**

(a) **Purchase of Air tickets:**

As far as advance purchase of tickets is concerned, the same may not be practical as the tickets are to be purchased in the name of individual pilgrims after entering agreement with them and that will happen only after the allocation of the quota to the PTO.

(b) Purchase of Foreign Currency:

As far as advance purchase of foreign currency is concerned, the same should have been purchased after allocation of quota to the PTO and in case the PTO has made advance payment for accommodation for the next season immediately after previous Haj season, the basis of the same may also be explained/documented. In such cases, the additional documents in support of advance purchase of foreign currency should also be provided/included in the agreement specifically to establish that the same payment is for the forthcoming Haj season.

(vii) Point No. ix of B of Annexure D:

PTOs with adverse police report or involved in criminal Court cases are not to be considered for registration and allocation of seats as per approved PTOs Policy. PTOs in whose Court case a stay has been given by the Court i.e. against whom there is a criminal case pending and the matter is sub-judice would also not be considered on the basis of existing Policy.

(viii) Point No. xiv of B of Annexure D:

The words "copy of" may be deleted being a typographical error. The document may be submitted for the Haj-2014.

6. The last date for submitting documents by the PTOs has been extended till 15th June, 2015.
