

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Hajj Pilgrimage - Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee - Deputation of Government servants to Saudi Arabia as Khuddam-ul-Hujja (Hajj Volunteers) - Treatment of period of deputation to Saudi Arabia as on duty - Orders issued.

COMMERCIAL TAXES AND RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.276.

Dated the 11th August, 1993.

Read:

From the Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee, Madras letters No.3164/HC/88, dated 15-10-91 and 11-1-93.

ORDER

Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee has the responsibility among others, to select two or three suitable persons for deputation as Hajj Volunteers to Saudi Arabia to assist the pilgrims of Tamil Nadu every year. As per the guidelines for selection of Hajj Volunteers prescribed by Government of India, preference shall be given to Government servants while selecting Hajj Volunteers. Taking into account the guidelines of the Government of India, the State Hajj Committee has been selecting atleast one person from among the Government servants who apply as Hajj Volunteer.

2. In his letter read above, the Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee has stated that presently, the State Hajj Committee has been advising the Government servants selected as Hajj Volunteers to apply for leave/permission for performing the duties as Hajj Volunteers. The State Hajj Committee meets the cost of their ship passage fare, foreign exchange, train fare from place of residence to Bombay and back etc., but no honorarium is paid to the Volunteers. The service is purely honorary. The duration of deputation to Saudi Arabia is about 90 days. The main objective behind the deputation of Hajj Volunteers is to assist the Hajj Pilgrims of the State and look after their welfare in consultation with the officials of Consulate General of India, Jeddah. The Hajj Volunteers have to be in constant touch with the Consulate General of India and under the guidance and overall supervision of Indian Hajj Officer solve the various problems of the pilgrims then and there. The Hajj Volunteers have to be in continuous and regular contact with the pilgrims and also maintain a diary entering the names of

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pilgrims and other details of problems attended to by them round the clock. They should also attend weekly meetings with the Officials of Indian Consulate and review the position and on completion of their deputation, they should submit a detailed report to the State Hajj Committee.

3. The Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee has stated that, eventhough, it is a voluntary work, it is a very important assignment entrusted by the State Hajj Committee on behalf of State Government. The problems faced by the pilgrims abroad are brought to the notice of State Hajj Committee by the Hajj Volunteers in their reports on their return. The suggestion of the Volunteers are examined and the matter taken up with the Government of India/Central Hajj Committee for future implementation/rectification. The State Hajj Committee has deputed 13 Government Servants as Hajj Volunteers from 1985 to 1993. The Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee has therefore requested that orders may be issued treating the period of absence of the Government servants deputed as Hajj Volunteers, as on duty with retrospective effect from 1985.

4. The Government have examined the proposal of the Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee carefully and accept it. They accordingly direct that the period of absence of Government servants selected by the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee and deputed to Saudi Arabia as Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj (Hajj Volunteers), shall be treated as on duty subject to the condition that such persons (Government servants) shall not be eligible to draw Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance for their visit to Saudi Arabia as Hajj Volunteers except the actual passage fare/foreign exchange etc., paid by the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee, Madras as per the rules of the Committee.

5. The Government also direct that the Government Servants, if selected by the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee as Hajj Volunteers hereafter, need not apply for leave from their respective departments but prior permission of the concerned Heads of the Department shall be obtained before proceedings for Hajj pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. This order shall be given retrospective effect from January, 1985.

6. The Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee is requested to communicate the orders of the Government to the concerned Government servants who were deputed as Hajj Volunteers since 1985 so as to enable them to get the leave availed by them for this purpose, restored.

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7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Personnel and Administrative Reforms (D.O.II) Department vide its U.O.No.54078/A/93-1, dated 20-7-93 and Finance Department vide its U.O.No.4326/FS/P/93, dated 21-7-1993.

/by order of the Governor/

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All Heads of Departments.

All Departments of Secretariat (O.Ps. only).

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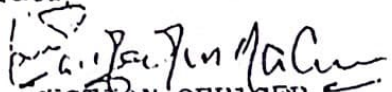
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