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## HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

Under Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India

Section: Mehram Quota

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### CIRCULAR

**Subject: Allotment of Five Hundred (500) Haj Seats under Mehram Category**

In certain cases, female pilgrims intending to apply for Haj 2025 were unable to do so due to non-availability of passports or other genuine reasons, whereas their male companions (*Mehram*) successfully applied and were selected. To address such cases, provision has been made to include these intending female pilgrims in the *Cover* of their selected *Sharai Mehram*. Without this arrangement, such lady pilgrims may face challenges in performing Haj in subsequent years due to the absence of a *Mehram*. To accommodate them, 500 Haj seats have been specifically allocated under the *Mehram* category as per the policy applicable for Haj-2025.

2. Norms for selection of Lady Pilgrims are detailed below:


- i. The lady pilgrim must have never undertaken the Haj pilgrimage earlier, either through the Haj Committee of India, Haj Group Organizers (HGO), or any other means. She must fulfill all criteria for making an application for Haj-2025.
- ii. Applications must be submitted online only through the Haj Committee of India's official website: <https://hajcommittee.gov.in>. The last date for submission of Haj Application Form is **11:59 PM, December 09, 2024**. Hard copies of handwritten or typed applications will not be accepted.
- iii. The applicant must possess a machine-readable valid Indian international passport issued before the prescribed last date for submission of applications. The passport must be valid at least up to **January 15, 2026**.
- iv. The applicant must upload the first and last pages of a valid, machine-readable Indian international passport, a recent passport-sized photograph, a proof of address, and a valid document establishing the relationship with her *Mehram*. Applications lacking sufficient documents will be rejected.
- v. A *Cover* can include a maximum of five (5) pilgrims. The lady pilgrim cannot apply in a *Cover* that already includes five (5) pilgrims.

3. The respective State/UT Haj Committees may recommend such applications after thorough verification in the light of the Haj Guidelines-2025 **latest by December 11, 2024**. In case any discrepancy is found at a later stage, the onus

would lie upon the respective State/UT Haj Committee.

4. The Haj Committee of India will consider the applications on merit, subject to the availability of seats. In case the number of applications exceeds the available quota, a **Digital Random Selection** process will be conducted to allocate the seats.

5. Wide publicity may be given to this Circular to ensure that eligible lady pilgrims intending to perform Haj 2025 (Hijri 1446) are well-informed about this opportunity.

  
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