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## Sub: Allotment of Five Hundred (500) Haj Seats in Mehram Category.

As per Haj Policy for 2018-2022, 500 Haj seats have been allocated for Mehram quota. In some cases intending lady pilgrims who want to apply for Haj pilgrimage this year could not do so due to non-availability of passport or any other genuine reasons. Whereas her male companion (Mehram) applied and got selected for Haj-2019. Now such intended lady pilgrim to be included in the Cover of her selected Sharai Mehram, or otherwise, she may not be able to perform Haj in subsequent years for want of Mehram. To accommodate such lady pilgrims in the Cover of already provisionally selected Mehram a quota of 500 Haj seats has been allocated.

- 2. Norms for selection of Lady Pilgrims are detailed below:
  - i) The lady pilgrim has never proceeded for Haj Pilgrimage either through HCoI, PTO or through any other means earlier and fulfilling the criteria for making application for Haj-2019.
  - ii) Lady Pilgrim desirous to be selected in Mehram Category has to fill-up the application online only which will be available on website: <a href="https://www.hajcommittee.gov.in">www.hajcommittee.gov.in</a>
  - iii) Lady pilgrim should have only machine readable valid Indian international passport valid at least upto 31st January 2020.
  - iv) Enclose valid documents and passport copy to prove the true relationship of the lady applicant with the Mehram, failing which the application would be summarily rejected.
  - v) The pilgrims cover should not exceed five (5) applicants. The pilgrims whose cover has already five (5) Pilgrims need not to apply in such Cover.

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- vi) A hard copy of the online filled in application form, in original along with requisite documents have to be sent to their respective SHCs on or before 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. In no case shall the last date be extended for submission HAF in this category.
- vii) Application sent to HCoI directly by the applicants will not be considered and will be summarily rejected.
- 3. The applications of all such eligible lady applicants, received in the respective State / U.T. Haj Committee on or before 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, duly recommended by State / U.T. Haj Committee, after due verification and thorough checking of the genuineness of the individual cases in the light of Guidelines formulated for Haj-2019 may be forwarded to Haj Committee of India upto 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. In case any discrepancy is found at a later stage, the onus would lie upon the respective State / Union Territory Haj committee. Haj Committee of India shall consider the applications received on this account on merit, subject to availability of seats. In case of receipt of excess applications, draw of lots (qurrah) will be conducted to allot Haj seats to the eligible applicants among all applications received from irrespective of State / Union Territory Haj committees.
- 4. Wide publicity may be given to this Circular for the convenience of pilgrims of Haj-1440(H) -2019.

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