

HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Statutory body constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002)
Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

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Subject : Selection of Khadim-ul-Hujjaj (KuH) for Haj – 2022.

Khadim-ul-Hujjaj (KuH) play a very important and supportive role in aid of Haj pilgrims at various stages of Haj pilgrimage. KuH are selected and deputed from all State / U.Ts in terms of norms of Haj Committee of India (HCoI) duly approved by Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA). KuH will be selected in the ratio of 1 KuH for 150 pilgrims so that a KuH travels in each flight and takes care of the pilgrims throughout the pilgrimage. Female candidates can also apply as Khadim-ul-Hujjaj. However, their selection shall be proportional to the number of Ladies without Mehram applicants of the State i.e.1 KuH for 150 pilgrims (Subject to a maximum of 2% of overall KuH). While in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), the KuH have to assist the Consulate General of India, Jeddah (CGI) in looking after the welfare of Haj pilgrims in an organized manner. To serve the pilgrims effectively, it is necessary that full quota of Khadim-ul-Hujjaj is utilized. To support the SHCs 50% of the expenditure on the KuH shall be borne by HCoI and the rest 50% shall be borne by respective State/UT Haj Committees (SHCs).

2. Norms for selection of KuH are detailed below:-

- (a) Candidates desirous to be selected as KuH have to fill-up the application online & upload requisite documents as specified in the application form available on website: www.hajcommittee.gov.in

Candidate should have machine readable valid Indian international passport issued on or before **15th February, 2022** and valid at least upto **31st December, 2022.**

The duration for submission of online KuH application is **2nd February, 2022** to **18th February, 2022.**

- (b) Male / Female applicants of age 25-58 years as on **31st March, 2022** are eligible.

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- (c) Applicants deputed to CGI, Jeddah as KuH during Haj-2019 are also eligible to apply.
- (d) A KuH should be free from health complications and must be physically fit and active so as to be able to be a good caretaker for the pilgrims and a good support to Haj operations. KuH have to submit medical certificate to this effect from a Government Hospital. Certificate issuing authority will be held responsible if information furnished is found to be false or incorrect.
- (e) A KuH must be well acquainted with the use of smartphones and internet.
- (f) A KuH must be fluent in the language of the pilgrims that he / she will be dealing with. Knowledge of other Indian languages is useful. Knowledge of Arabic shall be an added advantage.
- (g) Applicant must be vaccinated with all required doses of WHO approved Covid-19 vaccine.
- (h) Applicants who have performed or were engaged with Haj/ Umrah recently, will be given preference.
- (i) It is compulsory for the selected KuH to attend the Training program organized by HCoI for KuH, failing which their selection shall be cancelled.
- (j) Applicants must be employees of Government/ Public Sector Units/ Statutory bodies. Employees working on Temporary/ Part-time/ Seasonal/ Contractual/Ad-hoc basis are not eligible. Senior officers like Class A officers of Central or State Government or equivalent are also not eligible. Employees having field experience in departments like Police, Home-Guards, Forest, Revenue shall be given preference.
- (k) A no objection certificate (NOC) from the employer must be submitted by the applicants.
- (l) Not more than 15% of the total numbers of KuH are to be nominated from the employees of respective SHC and State Wakf Board. Such officers/ Employee has to work as Khadim-ul-Hujjaj (not supervisors) and they have to take care of Hajis from their State.



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- (m) The SHCs may depute their serving officials on the basis of following criteria :-

i)	States/U.Ts. having quota of upto 5000 Haj seats	ONE official
ii)	States/U.Ts. having quota of more than 5000 Haj seats	TWO officials
iii)	States/U.Ts. having quota of more than 15000 Haj seats	THREE officials

It may be noted that these officials will be treated as other selected KuH and will be required to report to Consulate General of India, Jeddah (CGI) in a similar manner and also these officials will be counted against the quota of KuH of their respective States/UTs.

- (n) No family member is allowed to accompany a KuH on Haj pilgrimage.
- (o) No KuH should have any connection with any Saudi Tawafa Establishment (Moallim).
- (p) The KuH cannot accept any financial or other consideration from any pilgrim as they are expected to render free social service.
- (q) A person who has once served as a KuH and against whom there are adverse observations by the CGI shall not be eligible.
3. The role, duties and responsibilities of KuH are as follows:-
- (a) KuH have to travel with the pilgrims from the respective State/U.T. no KuH shall be allowed to travel separately. The pilgrims of the flight in which KuH will travel, shall be the responsibility of that KuH from boarding flight in India upto their return.
- (b) KuH has to assist and guide the pilgrims during their journey and stay in KSA. Therefore, the KuH must update their knowledge and collect all relevant information relating to Haj pilgrimage. They have to identify and present themselves to the pilgrims at the embarkation point itself so that they can be contacted by the pilgrims in case of need.
- (c) KuH shall be under regular and overall supervision of the designated Assistant Haj Officer of the CGI.
- (d) On arrival in Jeddah, the KuH shall report for duty in KuH Cell in Indian Haj Pilgrims Office (IHPO) in Makkah and Madinah and follow the instructions given there. KuH should discharge his/her duties under the supervision and direction of the CGI. He / She should report to the Consulate regularly and be generally available when his / her services are required.



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- (e) Every KuH has to be in continuous and regular contact with the pilgrims assigned to him/her, whose names and other details shall be entered in his / her Register.
- (f) If a pilgrim has a problem with his Moallim, KuH may, with due discretion, intervene in the matter to resolve the problem. In case any issue is not resolved, a written complaint may be obtained from the pilgrim with his full particulars, e.g. pilgrim's name with parentage, address in Makkah / Madinah, passport number, cover number etc. The matter should then be reported to the CGI for further action. In dealing with Moallims, one has to be cautious about using harsh or speaking unparliamentary language or pressure as it might add to difficulties of the pilgrims on the whole.
- (g) Before his / her return to India each KuH has to submit a report along with the Register of his/her pilgrims to CGI, on the difficulties faced by pilgrims in his / her charge and the services rendered by him / her.
- (h) The period of stay of KuH in K.S.A. shall be treated as duty period and necessary entries may be taken by their parent departments in their service records. No TA / DA will be admissible.
- (i) Details regarding duties of KuH may be got translated by SHC's in the regional language of the State concerned and a copy given to each of the selected KuH for study and guidance.

4. Each SHC may nominate one KuH for every 150 pilgrims from the State/U.T with fair share to all districts in State. SHCs should send a panel of nominated applicants, strictly in accordance with the norms alongwith their applications complete with supporting documents to HCoI for scrutiny and approval. A few names may also be sent as waitlist who can be selected in case the nominated candidates are unable to proceed for some reason.

5. The State Haj Committee shall verify the data already entered by KuH and shall endorse the same. The requisites documents as specified in the KuH Application Form shall also be uploaded on the IHPMS of the nominated candidates along with wait list.

6. The Executive Officers should satisfy themselves that the nominated candidates fulfill all requirements and are available for deployment as KuH. Executive Officer of the respective SHC shall furnish a certificate along with the applications stating that all the applications have been checked properly and found in order in all respects and vouchsafing their good conduct as KuH. Last date for receipt of nominations duly recommended by State Haj Committees in the

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office of the Chief Executive Officer, Haj Committee of India, Haj House, 7-A, M.R.A. Marg, (Palton Road), Mumbai – 400 001) is **7th March, 2022**. It may kindly be noted that, nominations received after the due date or nominations, which are incomplete or received without supporting documents, will be summarily rejected.

7. The State Haj Committees should strictly adhere to the timeline prescribed. Haj Committee of India shall directly select the KuH, if any State Haj Committee fails to nominate their KuH within the prescribed due date.

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Chief Executive Officer 2/2/22

To:-

1. The Joint Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. The Consul (Haj), Consulate General of India, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
3. The Executive Officer of all State / U.T. Haj Committees.
4. In-charge, Computer Section, HCoI for putting on website of HCoI.