HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

(Statutory body under Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India)

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Sub.: Fresh Guidelines for Haj Pilgrimage - 1443 (H) - 2022 (C.E.)

This refers to CIRCULAR No.14 dated 26th April, 2022 on the subject matrix of 'Fresh Guidelines for Haj Pilgrimage – 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.)'.

The Consul General, Consulate General of India, Jeddah has communicated vide e-mail dated 18th May, 2022, that the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has conveyed that the rule of full Covid vaccination is mandatory for the pilgrims coming to the Kingdom regardless of the age and vaccination policies in the pilgrim sending Country and officials coming for Haj. Pertinent to mention that as per Guidelines for Haj-2022, "Intending pilgrims should be fully vaccinated with an approved Covid-19 vaccine atleast one month before actual departure for Haj-2022. Only such pilgrims shall be allowed to proceed for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.). However, CGI has raised a ticket in the e-Haj portal about the same. The reply in this regard is awaited.

In view of the backdrop mentioned above, those intending pilgrims who have not got inoculated with 2nd Dose of Covid-19 vaccination till date should get the same done immediately without further waiting and update it on IHPMS subsequently using the pilgrim login tab on Haj Committee of India website or app (https://hcoi3.hajcommittee.in/webapp/web21/).

Those intending pilgrims (including children and infants), who have not received the main Covid-19 vaccination, as approved by the Saudi Ministry of Health may not be allowed to proceed for Haj-2022 from India. Although, the Vaccination process for children and infants against Covid-19 Coronavirus Disease has, however, not yet started in India.

Further, it is advised to map the covid vaccination with Passport Number (as Aadhaar Card is not an internationally recognized travel document) on COWIN website (https://www.cowin.gov.in/). A video on how to link Passport with Covid vaccine is uploaded on website of Haj Committee of India.

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia may further stipulate more health and administrative guidelines. The same shall be notified in due course of time.

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