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Sub: Speedy disposal of Passport Application

A copy of circular No.VI/401/1/4/2015 dated 23.01.2015 issued by Joint Secretary (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi regarding speedy disposal of passport applications for Haj 2015, is enclosed for information of all concerned.

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Chief Executive Officer.

Encl.: As stated above.

The Executive officer / Secretary, all State/U.T Haj Committee. The incharge, computer Section, Haj Committee of India for uploading on website.

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Government of India Ministry of External Affairs CPV Division

No. VI/401/1/4/2015

Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi January 23, 2015

CIRCULAR

Haj 2015: Speedy disposal of Passport Applications

As informed by the Haj Committee of India, the announcement for the intending pilgrims of Haj 2015 has been made. The application forms for Haj 2015 are available from 19th January 2015. The last date for submission of Haj application forms by the applicants to their respective State/UT Haj Committee has been fixed as the 20th February, 2015. As per the laid down norms, only those applicants who possess valid passport with validity at least up to 31.03.2016 will be permitted to apply for Haj 2015.

- In view of the above, all Passport Offices are directed to accord high priefity to processing the Passport Applications of prospective Haj Pilgrims and ensure timely issuance of Passports in such cases upon completion of requisite documentation, police verification and other formalities.
- As you are aware, the Haj Committee of India and the Ministry of External Affairs (through Passport Offices) have run a campaign to create public awareness about the requirement of a valid passport by Haj Applicants. Nonetheless, there could be last minute rush for submission of passport applications by intending pilgrims. You are requested, therefore, to extend requisite assistance for expeditious issuance of passports to prospective Haj applicants by means of nominating a nodal officer; opening of facilitation counter; reserving appointment slots for such applicants; and attending to requests/grievance petitions received from such citizens in a very prompt manner.

(Muktesh K. Pardeshi) Joint Secretary (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer

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