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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony

Subject: **HAJJ POLICY AND PLAN HAJJ 2015**

The competent authority has been pleased to approve that all approved parameters of Hajj Policy 2014 be replicated this year in addition to approval of para(i),(ii),(iii),(ix) and (xviii) of the summary submitted to the Prime Minister which are as under:

i. **(Clause-i)**

As directed by the Prime Minister, Hajj Package 2015 will not exceed the package of Hajj 2014 as per detail given below:

Year	North Region (Punjab & KPK)	South Region (Sindh & Balochistan)
2014	Rs. 272,231	Rs. 262,231
2015	Rs. 264,971	Rs. 255,971

ii. **(Clause-ii)**

The airfare agreed with PIA for Hajj 2015 would be Rs. 98,700/- and Rs.89, 700/- (inclusive all taxes) for north and south regions respectively. PIA agreed on 9-4-2015 to lower the airfare from original demand of Rs. 107,700/- from north and Rs.97, 700/- from south after negotiations. Other airlines will be asked to match the airfare agreed by PIA as per past practice.

iii. **(Clause-iii)**

Food would be provided to the pilgrims of Government Hajj scheme during their stay in Makkah Mukarramah, Madinah Munawwarah and Mashahir(Mina). Cost of food will be covered under the existing package.

iv. **(Clause-ix)**

The rent in Makkah Mukarramah will be charged on actual basis from pilgrims and at Madinah Munawwarah at a flat rate of Rs.17, 400/- per pilgrim.

v. **(Clause-xviii)**

Each HGO is required to submit performance guarantee @ 5% of packages (package x quota) in the form of Bank/Cash Guarantee which will be released on satisfactory performance. Detailed instructions will be incorporated in Service Provider Agreement (SPA) with HGOs.

Administrative Changes:

In light of Section-6(iii) and Section-36(ii) & (iii) of Hajj Policy 2014, following administrative changes has been made by the Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony(MORA & IH) with the approval of Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony, which is reproduced as under:

"The policy shall be implemented/ enforced by the Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony with adjustments as deemed necessary"

"Interpretation of any clause or the terms of the Hajj Policy as made by the Ministry shall be considered as final."

"The Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony may make suitable adjustments in order to bring the policy and plan in conformity with Saudi Government's orders / instructions and to meet the exigencies of Hajj operation - 2014."

i) **HAJJ APPLICATIONS**
Applications for Hajj 2015 under Government Hajj Scheme will be invited through Banks and selection of Hujjaj will be made through "Balloting" to be conducted by third party.

ii) **PROVISION OF ZAMZAM WATER**
All the Hujjaj will be provided five (05) liters Zam Zam (in a specially packed bottle) upon their return to Pakistan, at their respective airports of departure.

iii) **HIRING/ PROCURMENT COMMITTEE**
a) The following Committee would survey, recommend and hire buildings in Makkah Mukarramah and Madinah Munawwarah along with procurement of Hajj related services. The Committee would ensure transparency and observe principles of financial propriety:

S. No.	Name and Designation	Position
1)	Director General Hajj, Jeddah	Convener
2)	Two representatives of the Ambassador of Pakistan in KSA, (at least one member of the rank of BS-20).	Members
3)	Director Hajj, Jeddah.	Member
4)	Deputy Director Hajj, Madina Munawwarah	Member

b) The Hiring/Procurement Committee will formulate procurement / hiring plan for Hajj in respect of hiring of buildings, transport, food arrangements and related procurement/hiring of services in the light of PPRA rules as well as guidelines envisaged in Hajj Policy.

c) Execute the procurement/hiring process as per plan in time and keep the Ministry updated/posted about the progress on fortnightly basis.

d) The Director General Hajj shall be a non-voting member of the Committee and shall cast a vote only in case of a tie between the members of the Hiring Committee.

iv) **HAJJ ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

a) There shall be a Hajj Advisory Committee to advise on policy, planning and management of Hajj operation 2015 in Pakistan as well as in KSA and suggest measures for improvement of welfare services for Hujjaj. Besides this, the Advisory Committee may also oversee the hiring process and the buildings hired by the Hiring Committee. The composition of the committee is as under:

i.	Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony	Chairman
ii.	Minister of State for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony	Member
iii.	Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on MORA & IH	Member
iv.	Chairman, National Assembly Standing Committee on MORA & IH	Member
v.	One member of the Senate, nominated by the Chairman, Senate	Member
vi.	One member of the National Assembly, Nominated by the Speaker, National Assembly	Member
vii.	Ambassador of Pakistan in KSA	Member
viii.	Director General Hajj, Jeddah	Member
ix.	Representative of MORA & IH	Member
x.	Chairman/Secretary of Hajj Organizers Association of Pakistan.	Member

- b) The secretarial support will be provided by Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony.
- c) The committee may visit KSA, if so required, with the approval of competent authority.
- d) The Chairman/Secretary of HOAP would travel on his own expense.

v) **WELFARE SERVICES FOR HUIJAJ**

- For the welfare services, Hajj Medical Mission comprising 450 personnel, 400 Moavineen-i-Hujjaj, 250 Seasonal staff of MORA & IH and 400 local Moavineen-i-Hujjaj, are expected to be deputed in KSA for Hajj 2015. The administrative structure of Hajj-2014 for the provision of facilities in KSA shall remain the same for Hajj 2015. However, it will be supplemented by involving Private Sector i.e. Hajj Organizers Association of Pakistan wherever required. In this regard, 30 welfare staff members from HOAP would be selected on its recommendation which shall be equally divided in offices at the two ports of entry and in both holy cities where they shall be associated with the OPAP offices.

HAJJ POLICY 2014

Besides above approved clauses and administrative changes, the Hajj Policy 2014 will be followed for management/arrangements of Hajj 2015. The Hajj Policy 2014 is already available on Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony's website i.e. (http://www.hajjinfo.org/hajj/uploads/20140528_POLICY_2014.pdf).