

TAMIL NADU STATE HAJJ COMMITTEE
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Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.

PRESS RELEASE

The Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee, Chennai on behalf of Hajj Committee of India, invites applications from Muslims residing in Tamil Nadu and intending to perform Hajj pilgrimage during Hajj 2011. The application form for Hajj 2011 can be obtained from the Administrative Officer, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee, Rosy Tower, III Floor, No.13, Mahathma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 34, from 16th March 2011 or this can be obtained by down loading the form from the website www.hajcommittee.com. Photo copies of the application form can also be used.

2. It is informed that as per guidelines **not** more than five persons having blood relationship or comprising the family members or close relatives can be included in one group/cover. No alien person should be included in the cover. If any applicant applies in more than one State Hajj Committee or more than once in the same State Hajj Committee, such applications will be rejected altogether and will not be considered in any State Hajj Committee.

3. The Saudi Arabian Government has informed that Hajj visa will be issued only on the International Passport. Hence the intending pilgrims are requested to submit the application forms with xerox copy of the passport to the State Hajj Committee on or before 30th April 2011. Those who do not have international passports must apply for passport first and obtain the receipt from Regional Passport Office (RPO receipt) and attach the same with the application form.

4. The filled in applications should be submitted to Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee along with the copy of pay-in-slip for payment of Rs.200/- per pilgrim towards non-refundable processing fee drawn in favour of Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai, (current A/c No.31634038682) maintained with State Bank of India through Core Banking system and xerox copy of valid

International Passport, if available or photo copy of Regional Passport Office Receipt if applied for passport. The last date for receipt of applications by the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee is 30th April 2011.

5. The Haj Committee of India has decided to continue the policy to directly confirm the applications of those pilgrims whose applications were not selected continuously for last three (3) years during Hajj 2008, 2009 and 2010. The applicant along with the co-pilgrims who want to avail this benefit during Hajj 2011, have to indicate the cover numbers of last three years in the application form (without including any fresh applicant) and they will be given provisional selected status without qurrah (draw of lots) provided they should possess valid International Passport and apply for Hajj 2011. If the number of applications received under Reserved Category is less than the quota till the closing date, the balance seats will be made available for the General Category Pilgrims and the State Hajj Committee will hold qurrah of such seats. If the number of reserved category applications are more than the quota allotted for the State, in that case State Hajj Committee will hold qurrah for reserved category pilgrims only. No fresh applications under General category can be entertained.

6. The Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee will inform about the selection of pilgrims by computerised qurrah based on the quota fixed by Haj Committee of India. The selection of pilgrims by qurrah is purely provisional. The selected pilgrims after qurrah shall submit original passport with photograph stapled on 1st page and copy of pay-in-slip for Rs.31,000/- to the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee on or before 15th June 2011.

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Member & Executive Officer.**

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