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In partial modification to para.4 of the provisional Guidelines for Haj-2022, the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai has now cancelled the restriction of upper age limit so as to facilitate the elderly intending pilgrims to make online application for Haj 2022.

- 2. Subsequently, the pilgrims above the earlier notified age limit of 65 years are eligible to submit online application for Haj-2022 including those above the age of 70+ years. It is further notified that the application(s) of 70+ intending pilgrims shall be registered under Reserved category as per the Haj Policy for Haj-2018 2022.
- 3. An applicant who completes 70 years or more as on 31st May, 2022 (i.e. applicants who were born on or before 31st May 1952), along with ONE companion will be registered under this category. Companion is a MUST and no 70+ applicant alone will be registered under this category. For two 70+ pilgrims in a single cover, two companions shall be allowed.
- 4. To reiterate, it is clarified that all the arrangements for Haj-2022 are being made under Special Circumstances with special norms, rules and regulations, eligibility criteria, age restrictions, health and fitness requirements and other relevant conditions as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia may determine and deem appropriate amid Covid-19 pandemic. However, the entire process of inviting online applications for Haj 2022 is provisional subject to further changes or amendments in guidelines by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

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