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**TAMIL NADU STATE HAJJ COMMITTEE**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Haj Committee of India, Mumbai, has informed that as per communication received from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 the intending pilgrims of over 70 years of age and his/her companion shall be allotted confirmed seats by the Haj Committee of India to perform Hajj with effect from Hajj 2011.

2. It is, hereby informed that the intending pilgrims of over 70 years of age as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 along with his/her only one companion can avail of confirmed seats during Hajj 2011. The intending pilgrims of over 70 years of age who have already submitted their applications and have already been allotted cover numbers are therefore requested to indicate their option, as to whom they would prefer to take with them as companion, so that confirmed seats could be allotted to them. Further details in connection with the said revised norm can be accessed through the website "www.hajcommittee.com".

3. The applicants who have not applied so far but intend now to apply for Hajj 2011 and if they are over 70 years of age, such pilgrims shall indicate separately along with the application form that they intend to go on Hajj pilgrimage for Hajj 2011 along with a companion so that they shall be allotted confirmed seats for Hajj 2011. The benefit of confirmation in the said category shall be extended to the pilgrims and their companions who possess International Passports with required validity. Under no circumstances, companions will be allowed to go alone if such pilgrims of over 70 years age cancels his/her journey.

4. It may also be noted that the last date for acceptance of applications for the pilgrims above 70 years will be the same as of general category i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

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