

Chapter – 13 (Manual – 12)
Manner of Execution of Subsidy Programme

1. Name of Programme/Scheme : Haj Pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia
2. Duration of the Programme/Scheme : Forty days at Mecca, Saudi Arabia
3. Objective of the Programme : To perform Haj Pilgrimage at Holy Mecca
4. Physical & Financial target of the programme for the last year : 196 Crores by the Government of India
5. Eligibility of Beneficiary : Pilgrims should be Indian citizen with sound health. He should not have performed Haj for the preceding 5 years.
6. Pre-requisites for the benefit : As above
7. Procedure to avail the benefits of the programme : Pilgrim should send prescribed Haj application through the State Haj Committee concerned, to the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai with the proof of residence, medical fitness certificate and the certificate of the Secretary, State Haj Committee along with a demand draft of Rs.10,700/- drawn in favour of State Haj Committee.
8. Criteria for deciding eligibility : All applicants who apply for Haj with the document detailed in column 7 and the eligibility prescribed in column 5 are eligible
9. Details of the benefit given in the programme : Air fare of Rs.24,000/- is given as subsidy for each pilgrim and free medical facility is provided at Mecca.
10. Procedure for the distribution of the subsidy : Subsidy is distributed towards airfare to each and every pilgrim when he applies through State Haj Committee provided he should comply the requisites stipulated in column 5 and 7.
11. Where to apply or whom to contact in the office for applying : Puducherry Haj Committee
12. Application Fee : Free of cost
13. Other Fees : The Pilgrim shall send payment in the manner of demand draft on three spells
(a) a demand draft for Rs.10,700/- towards advance foreign exchange in favour of State Haj Committee.
(b) a demand draft for Rs.61,000/- towards exchange , i.e. food and accommodation at Mecca, Saudi Arabia to be sent to the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
(c) a demand draft for Rs.12,000/- towards air fare to be sent to the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
14. Application format : Printed applications are available with the Puducherry Haj Committee.

15. List of documents : (a) Proof of residence
(b) Medical fitness certificate
(c) Declaration by the applicant
(d) Certificate of Secretary, Puducherry Haj Committee
16. Format of attachment : Format of those certificates described in column 15 are printed in the second page of application.
17. Where to contact in case of process related complaints : Puducherry Haj Committee or the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
18. Details of the available fund : Grant-in-aid sanctioned by the Government towards meeting out of administrative expenses.