

Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs
(Haj Division)

6th Floor, MTNL Building,
CGO, Lodhi Rd., New Delhi-03.

Date: 18 March, 2025

Notice

Subject: Meeting convened by Ministry of Minority Affairs as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WPC No. 35 of 2025.

Reference is invited to the meeting held on 12.03.2025 in Ministry of Minority Affairs with Category 1* Lead and Non-Lead HGOs registered for Haj 2025 as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WPC No. 35 of 2025 wherein participant CHGOs were apprised of the observation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 06.03.2025 is enclosed.

2. It was suggested by many of Category-1* Lead and Non-Lead HGOs that the existing quota distribution be maintained as booking for service arrangements have already been made by them in Saudi Arabia. Saudi authorities have issued strict timelines for payments, contract finalisations and visa issuance deadlines and any changes at this juncture would jeopardise their business viability and would risk unnecessary delays in the Haj process, thereby directly affecting the interests of the pilgrims who rely on their services.

3. However, some of the participating Category-1* lead and Non-Lead HGOs have suggested that waitlisted HGOs should be given the quota of HGOs who have defaulted in payments within a CHGO, whereas one of the Category-1* Lead HGO agreed for pro-rata reduction in overall quota in order to accommodate waitlisted HGOs.

4. With respect to Sl No 3 above, it was clarified that CHGOs may allocate quota of the defaulting members to waitlisted HGOs; or may go for pro-rata reduction in overall quota in order to accommodate waitlisted HGOs. This may be done as per the mutual agreement and understanding of the constituent HGOs of a CHGO. The Ministry will not be responsible for any disputes within a CHGO, which may be settled as per their own Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association and terms of contracts entered between them.

5. In view of the above, it is hereby conveyed to the CHGOs that the re-arrangements in the internal dynamics of the CHGOs, if any, may be made with the consent of the constituent members of the CHGOs. Further, in case of any redistribution of quota subject to it being within the eligibility of the constituent HGOs of a CHGO, the CHGOs are hereby directed that a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), may be shared with the Ministry latest by 20.03.2025 after which no change will be allowed.


(Anup Barman)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,

All CHGOs and its constituent members HGOs - for information and necessary action.

Copy to:

- (i) Senior PPS to Secretary(MA)
- (ii) PPS to JS(Haj)
- (iii) CEO, HCoI
- (iv) CGI, Jeddah

Copy also to:

- (i) Sr. Director, NIC-for uploading on website of this Ministry.
- (ii) Team Lead, IT support team- for uploading on HGO portal.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).35/2025

KOLKATA TOURS AND TRAVELS (I) PVT. LTD. & ORS. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 25900/2025 - AMENDMENT OF APPEAL/PETITION/I.A.

IA No. 39905/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

IA No. 37217/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

IA No. 31327/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

IA No. 31089/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 31081/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 31051/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 31047/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 35806/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 31041/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 28898/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 31447/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 31438/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 35416/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

WITH

W.P.(C) No.126/2025 (X)

W.P.(C) No.116/2025 (X)

W.P.(C) No.127/2025 (X)

Date : 06-03-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGHFor Petitioner(s) :Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Nikhil Goel, Sr. Adv.
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Mr. Rishabh Goyal, Adv.
Mrs. Rashmi Naraina, Adv.
Mr. Kripa Shankar Prasad, AORFor Respondent(s) :Mr. K.M. Nataraj, A.S.G.
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Mr. Attin Shankar Rastogi, Adv.
Ms. Chanya Jaitly, Adv.
Mr. Prateek Yadav, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The matter has been substantially heard. It seems that the teething problems being experienced as a result of introduction of Government of India's policy dated 07.09.2024, which has been formulated in consultation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, does not warrant any intervention, except to persuade the lead HGOs and non-lead HGOs to part with marginal allocation of pilgrims falling to their share and redistribution of such surplus among those HGOs who are getting very less allocation. Such a solution based on equitable principles can effectively solve the issues.
2. For this, we have impressed upon Mr. K.M. Nataraj, learned

Additional Solicitor General of India to instruct the Authorities to convene a meeting of lead HGOs and non-lead HGOs and apprise them with the observations made by us.

3. We are hopeful that the parties will resolve the issue keeping the principle of give and take in mind and of course without inviting any judicial intervention.

4. Post the matter on 20.03.2025.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR