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ഹജ്ജ് തീർത്ഥാടകരിൽ നിന്നുള്ള ഉയർന്ന യാത്രാനിരക്ക് കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിന് നടപടി

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ശ്രീ. മഞ്ഞളാംകഴി അലി		ശ്രീ. വി. അബ്ദറഹിമാൻ (ന്യുനപക്ഷക്ഷേമം, കായികം, വഖഫ്, ഹജ് തീർത്ഥാടന വകുപ്പ് മന്ത്രി)						
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	പോകുന്നവരിൽ നിന്നം മറ്റ് വിമാനത്താവളങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച് കോഴിക്കോട്			ക്രമ നം.	എംബാർകേഷൻ പോയിന്റ്	<u></u> ഇക	വിമാനം	
	വിമാനത്താവളത്തിൽ ഉയർന്ന യാത്രാനിരക്ക് ഈടാക്കുന്നത്			1	കാലിക്കറ്റ് (കോഴിക്കോട്)	1,25,000/-	എയർ ഇന്ത്യ എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ്	
	ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ; വ്യക്തമാക്കുമോ;			2	കണ്ണൂർ	87 ,000/-	എയർ ഇന്ത്യ എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ്	
				3	കൊച്ചി	86,000/-	സൗദി എയർലൈൻസ്	
(ബി)	ഉയർന്ന യാത്രാ നിരക്ക് കറയ്ക്കുന്നതിന് എന്തെങ്കിലും തരത്തിലുള്ള ഇടപെടലുകൾ നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ; എങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ പുരോഗതി അറിയിക്കുമോ; യാത്രാ നിരക്ക് കറയ്ക്കുന്നതിന് സാധ്യമായ എല്ലാ നടപടികളും	(ബി)	ഈടാക്കാനുള്ള എയർ ഇന്ത്യ എക്സ്പ്രസ്സിന്റെ നീക്കം തടയുവാൻ, ന്യായരഹിതമായ ഈ തീരുമാനത്തിനെതിരെ കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാറുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് പരിഹാരം കാണുന്നതിനായി കേന്ദ്ര വ്യോമയാന മന്ത്രിയ്ക്കം , കേന്ദ്ര ന്യൂനപക്ഷ ക്ഷേമ മന്ത്രിയ്ക്കം 31 /12 /2024-ൽ ന്യൂനപക്ഷ ക്ഷേമ വകുപ്പ് മന്ത്രി കത്ത് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. കൂടാതെ, എയർ ഫെയർ കുറക്കണമെന്നാവശ്യപ്പെട്ട് എയർ ഇന്ത്യ ലിമിറ്റഡ് -ന്റെ ചെയർമാന് വകുപ്പ് സെക്രട്ടറി 10/01/2025-നും, കത്ത് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. പകർപ്പുകൾ അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർക്കുന്നു. യാത്രാ					
	എല്ലാ നടപടികളം സ്വീകരിക്കുമോ?		കത്ത് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. പകർപ്പുകൾ അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർക്കുന്നു. യാത്രാ നിരക്ക് കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിന് സാധ്യമായ എല്ലാ നടപടികളും സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതാണ്.					

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31/12/2024

Date.....

Respected Shri. Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu Ji,

I hope this letter finds you well.

This is to bring to your kind attention regarding the airfares being finalized for Haj Pilgrimage in Kerala. Kerala have been allotted 3 embarkation points for Haj 2025, viz. Calicut International Airport, Kannur International Airport and Cochin International Airport. It is learnt that, the bidding for the above three embarkation point Air fares have been completed and is on the process of finalization. For your kind attention and understanding, the bid rates arrived for the 3 embarkation points are as detailed.

- i) Calicut International Airport 1,25,000 (Air India Express)
- ii) Kannur International Airport 87,000 (Air India Express)
- iii) Cochin International Airport 86,000 (Saudi Airlines)

The exorbitant rates arrived at the tender for Calicut Embarkation point has become a grave concern to the State. The bids of AIR INDIA EXPRESS for Calicut embarkation point is too high when compared with Kannur. And in Cochin Saudi Airlines has quoted a nominal rate.

A total of 15,203 persons have been selected for Haj travel from Kerala for 2025. The embarkation wise pilgrim count is as detailed;

- i) Calicut International Airport 5755 nos.
- ii) Kannur International Airport 4026 nos.
- iii) Cochin International Airport 5422 nos.

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Hence, it is clear that, 1/3 of the total Haj pilgrims who have chosen Calicut Airport as their embarkation point would have to bear an amount almost double that of other embarkation points. Also it may be noted that, AIR INDIA EXPRESS bids for Kannur Embarkation point seems nominal when compared with Calicut.

In Kerala, the Haj applicants who have opted the State Haj services for travel, are the common people and most of them are not in a good financial condition. Therefore the fares now arrived are not an affordable choice for those who have opted Calicut. This situation would create much hardships to the pilgrims from Kerala. However the State Government and the State Haj committee are positively anticipating a reduction on the airfares of AIR INDIA EXPRESS for Calicut Embarkation point.

Since the matter is of grave concern, I would request you to have your personal intervention in the matter and to find a feasible solution so that the Haj pilgrimage would be an affordable one in 2025.

With Warm Regards and Greetings,

Yours Faithfully,

V. Abdurahiman

To,

Shri. Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu

Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India. Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan Block B, Jorbagh Safdarjung Airport Area, New Delhi - 110003

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Date 31/12/2024

Respected Sri.Kiren Rijiju Ji,

I hope this letter finds you well.

This is with regard to the airfares arrived at the tender for this Haj season. As you know, the Haj 2025 preparations have started and are ongoing. It is learnt that, the bids of the air fares for the three embarkation points in Kerala are being finalized. And as known from the sources, the tender rates arrived for the 3 embarkation points are as detailed.

- i) Calicut International Airport 1,25,000 (Air India Express)
- ii) Kannur International Airport 87,000 (Air India Express)
- iii) Cochin International Airport 86,000 (Saudi Airlines)

The exorbitant rates arrived at the Calicut Embarkation point has become a grave concern to the State. A total of 15,203 persons have been selected for Haj 2025 from Kerala. The embarkation wise pilgrim count is as detailed;

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In Kerala, the Haj applicants who have opted the State Haj services for travel, are the common people and most of them are not in a good financial condition. Therefore the fares now arrived are not an affordable choice for those who have opted Calicut Embarkation point. Also they can't opt out the Calicut Embarkation point considering the convenience and the facilities available at Haj house and the newly built Women's dormitory of the State Haj Committee, which is situated near to the Calicut International Airport.

This situation would create much hardship to the pilgrims from Kerala. However the State Government and the State Haj committee are positively anticipating a reduction on the Air fares for Calicut Embarkation point. Since the matter is of grave concern, I would request you to have your personal intervention in the matter and to find a feasible solution so that the Haj pilgrimage would be an affordable one in 2025.

With Warm Regards and Greetings,

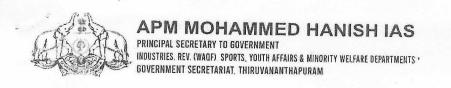
Yours Faithfully,

V. Abdurahiman

To,

Sri. Kiren Rijiju
Hon'ble Union Minister of Minority Affairs.

11th Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003





10/01/2025.

No.MW2/1/2025-GAD

To

Shri.N.Chandrasekharan
Chairman, Air India Ltd,
Block-4, Vatika One on One,
Sector-16, NH-48, Industrial Estate,
Gurugram HR-122007.

Sir,

Sub: Minority Welfare Department-Government of Kerala-Request to Rationalize Hajj Fares at Calicut International Airport at par with the fares at Kannur Airport Charged approximately ₹40,000 more those departing from Kannur-Reg

Ref: Letter No.H2-594/2024/KSHC dated 31/12/2024 from the District Collector & Executive Officer, Kerala State Haj Committee.

Kind attention is invited to the captioned subject. State Government is taking various steps for the smooth conduct of the upcoming Haj Pilgrimage, 2025. Meantime, several complaints and grievances have been received from the pilgrims on the inordinate fares quoted by AIR INDIA EXPRESS at Calicut International Airport for Haj,2025. The pilgrims are put to distress, as the flight charge quoted at Calicut Airport is approximately ₹40,000 more than those departing from Kannur International Airport. This disparity is causing undue hardship and financial burden on the pilgrims traveling from Calicut.

Majority of the applicants have opted Calicut as the embarkation point, considering convenience and facilities available at Haj House of the State Haj Committee, which is situated near to the Calicut International Airport. The tender rates arrived for the 3 embarkation points & embarkation wise pilgrim Count are as detailed below.

- 1) Calicut International Airport-1,25,000(Air India Express)-5755 nos.
- 2) Kannur International Airport-87,000(Air India Express) -4026 nos.
- 3) Cochin International Airport-86,000(Saudi Airlines) -5422 nos.

While comparing with the tender bid rates arrived for Cochin Airports which is 86,000/-passenger each, quoted by Saudi Airlines, the figures arrived for Calicut is approximately more than ₹40,000. This is exorbitant and unbearable for pilgrims and also causes many hardships for those who opted Calicut International Airport as their Embarkation point.

In the circumstance, I would like to draw your personal attention to the issue, as the same is critical for the State and would solicit your kind intervention in the matter to consider for a reduction in the Air fares for AIR INDIA EXPRESS at Calicut International Airport for Haj, 2025.

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Yours Haithfully,

APM MOHAMMED HANISH