

**Press Release
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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(Haj Division)**

Registration of Private Tour Operators for Haj 2016

Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgment dated 18 May, 2016 in Writ Petition No.239/2016 (and connected matters) has directed that the petitioners may submit their applications for registration for Haj 2016. Vide order dated 23 July, 2015 in Writ Petition No. 344/2014 (and connected matters), Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed that petitioners along with other applicants may submit their applications for registration for Haj 2016. In light of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Petitioners along with other applicants may submit their applications on or before 27 May, 2016.

2. **Submission of documents:** All PTOs applying for registration for Haj 2016 are required to furnish documents mentioned in the press release dated 29.04.2016 and the PTO Policy laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in its decision in Union of India v. Rafique Shaikh Bhikan and others, 2013 (4) SCC 699, its order dated 7.8.2014 in Special Leave Petition (c) No. 20743 of 2014 titled Union of India and others v. All India Haj Umrah Tour Organizers Association and others, its order dated 7.8.2014 in Writ Petition (c) No. 480 of 2014 titled Jeddah Travels and Jeddah Hajj Group v. Union of India, its order dated 12.05.2015 in I.A. No. 33 of 2015 in Special Leave Petition (c) No. 28609 of 2011 titled Union of India v. Rafique Shaikh Bhikan and others, its order dated 23.07.2015 in Writ Petition (c) No. 344 of 2015 titled Alban Hajj Umrah Services v. Union of India and its order dated 18.05.2016 in Writ Petition No. 239/2016 titled Subhan Tours and Travel Services v. Union of India (and connected matters). PTOs submitting applications for registration for Haj 2016 should also submit information/clarification regarding previous observations/ground(s) for disqualification, if any.

This supersedes paragraph 1 regarding submission of documents of the press release issued on 6 May 2016.