

**Ministry of External Affairs  
(Haj Division)**

Regarding Clarifications on Press Release of 29.4.2016:

1. Para 5 of the Press Release dated 29.4.2016 may be read as following:

*A total quota of 36,000 seats has been allotted to Private Tour Operators for Haj 2016. The quota in terms of PTOs Policy 2013-17 approved by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, will be distributed among qualified PTOs as per details given below:*

*(a) 70% of the Haj 2016 PTO seats (25,200) will be allocated proportionately (to the extent possible on equal allocation basis) by draw of lots to eligible PTOs under Category-I.*

*(b) 30% of Haj 2016 PTO seats (10,800) will be allocated to eligible PTOs under Category-II at the rate of 50 seats per qualified PTO. In case the number of eligible PTOs under Category-II are more than the available quota for PTOs in Category-II, seats will be allocated on the basis of draw of lots amongst the eligible PTOs. The qualified PTOs which fail to get selected under the draw of lots in 2016 will be allocated seats in the ensuing year without draw of lots if they continue to remain qualified as per the Policy formulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.*

2. As per the terms and conditions for registration of PTOs as given in Annexure A of the PTO Policy laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement dated April 16, 2013, Clause (V) and Clause (X) of Annexure A of the Press Release dated 29.4.2016 may be read as following:

*V. Minimum office area of 250 Sq.ft. (Carpet area). (Supporting documents drawing/layout plan approved by the competent authority of the State Government/Union Territory). Lay out plan certified by Chartered Engineers/ Architects will also be accepted. In case there has been any change in the address, PTOs will have to submit approved drawing/layout plan of the new address duly approved by the competent authority of the State Government/UT in original.*

*X. Copies of registration Certificate issued to the PTO in support of their claim year wise and PTO category wise.*