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स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय /Ministry of Health & Family Welfare स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशालय /Directorate General of Health Services निर्माण भवननई , दिल्ली /Nirman Bhawan ,New Delhi

Dated: 21st February 2024

## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Every year lakhs of people from India visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) for the holy Haj pilgrimage. The allotted quota for India this year is 1,75,025 pilgrims.

The Haj pilgrimage being a mass gathering event involving a series of religious activities over a period of 10 days, has the potential of becoming strenuous for certain vulnerable groups of pilgrims.

Since last year the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been assisting the Ministry of Minority Affairs in the medical care arrangements for Haj and this year also MoHFW envisages a safe and successful Haj pilgrimage with minimal health exigencies.

For this purpose, thorough medical screening of Haj 2024 applicant pilgrims needs to be carried out by the Government Medical Officers (Allopathic/equivalent) authorized by the State/UT Government/Central Govt./Defence Authorities /PSU/Autonomous Bodies.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

(Dr. L Swasticharan) Addl. DDG & Director EMR DtEGHS, MoHFW

To.

All the State/UT Government/Central Govt./Defence Authorities /PSU/ Autonomous Bodies for directing the Government Medical Officers (Allopathic/equivalent) authorized by them.

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