

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3655  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018**

**APPLICATION FROM WOMEN HAJ PILGRIMS**

**3655. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received by the Haj Committee of India from women who wish to go on Haj without a male guardian from each State;
- (b) whether Government proposes to consider the cases of such women under a special category; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) to (c) The new Haj Policy for Haj Committee of India (HCoI) pilgrims for Haj 2018-22 provides that ladies above 45 years of age, who wish to go for Haj but who do not have a male Mehram (male companion) are allowed to travel in groups of 4 or more ladies. State-wise details of total number of applications received by the HCoI from women travelling without Mehram for Haj 2018 is given below. All the group of ladies without Mehram have been selected by the HCoI without qurrah (draw of lots) for Haj 2018.

State	No. of women applied
Assam	4
Karnataka	28
Kerala	1124
Madhya Pradesh	4
Maharashtra	16
Puducherry	8
Punjab	4
Rajasthan	12
Uttarakhand	4
Uttar Pradesh	32
West Bengal	48
Tamil Nadu	24
Total	1308