

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 50
(To be answered on the 4th February 2021)**

HAJJ EMBARKATION POINT FACILITIES

***50. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include Calicut International Airport among other Hajj Embarkation point facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the decision is based on any official investigation report carried out by any of the Government agencies and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानतल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (c): Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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04.02.2021 REGARDING HAJJ EMBARKATION POINT FACILITIES
TABLED BY SHRI BENNY BEHANAN, MP.**

(a) and (b): In view of Covid-19 pandemic situation, the number of Embarkation Points for haj 2021 have been reduced from existing 21 to 10. Calicut airport has not been designated as an Embarkation Point for Haj 2021. The arrangements for Haj 2021 are being made under special circumstances with special norms, rules & regulations, eligibility criteria, etc. due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Provisional guidelines including Embarkation Points for Haj 2021, have been issued by Haj Committee of India after extensive consultation with concerned Ministries and Indian mission in Saudi Arabia, taking into consideration the expected reduced Haj quota for Indian pilgrims to be allocated by the Saudi Government.

(c): No Sir. Ministry of Minority Affairs decides the embarkation points on the recommendation of Haj Committee of India (HCoI).
