

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 569
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021**

CORONA VACCINATION FOR HAJ PILGRIMAGE

569. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has made any arrangements to administer coronavirus vaccines to those going from the country for the Haj Pilgrimage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reduced the Embarkation point-wise estimated cost per Haj Pilgrimage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has been established, which provides guidance on all aspect of COVID-19 vaccination including prioritization of population groups, procurement and inventory management, vaccine selection, vaccine delivery and tracking mechanism, etc. The prioritized groups comprise of Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers, persons above the age of 50 years and persons below 50 years with associated co-morbidity, which are being covered in phased manner.

There is no International Health regulation mandating COVID vaccination for international travel. Further, till date no travel protocol for travelling to Saudi Arabia has been received mandating COVID 19 vaccination.

(c) & (d) The cost of Haj pilgrimage is decided by the Haj Committee of India, a statutory body under the administrative control of this Ministry, on actual basis. Based on the inputs received from Consulate General of India in Jeddah, HCoI has calculated the approximate cost for Haj 2021, Embarkation Point-wise as under:

S.No.	Embarkation Point	Approximate estimated cost
1.	Ahmedabad	Rs. 3,28,168/-
2.	Bengaluru	Rs. 3,42,994/-
3.	Cochin	Rs. 3,56,433/-
4.	Delhi	Rs. 3,44,809/-
5.	Guwahati	Rs. 3,99,273/-
6.	Hyderabad	Rs. 3,49,381/-
7.	Kolkata	Rs. 3,69,050/-
8.	Lucknow	Rs. 3,44,133/-
9.	Mumbai	Rs. 3,29,279/-
10.	Srinagar	Rs. 3,61,927/-
