

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 713  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021**

**RESTORATION OF EMBARKATION POINT FOR HAJ PILGRIMS**

**713. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to resume Haj embarkation point at Calicut International Airport once the appropriate authorities give their nod for operation of wide body operation at the said airport;
- (b) whether the Government is also considering to make Haj embarkation point at Kannur Airport in case wide body operation at Calicut International Airport is not possible there; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) : The selection of the Embarkation Points for Haj are finalised in consultation with all stakeholders based on the functional & operational viability. The Commercial operation of wide-body aircraft (Code E) from Kozhikode(Calicut) airport are currently suspended. For Haj, 2022, the matter was discussed by the Ministry in Haj Review Meeting held on 22.10.2021 with Ambassador of India to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Counsel General of India Jeddah, the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and representatives of Airlines. The guidelines for Haj 2022, have been made under special circumstances due to Covid 19 Pandemic. The provisions and restrictions which includes reduction in number of Embarkation Points to 10 is due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The ten Embarkation Point for Haj 2022 include(1) Ahmedabad, (2) Bangaluru, (3) Guwahati, (4) Delhi, (5) Hyderabad (6) Kochi, (7) Kolkata, (8) Lucknow, (9) Mumbai, and (10) Srinagar.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

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