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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi.
Dated the 29th March, 2012

To,
The Chief Secretaries,
All State Governments/UT Administrations.

Subject: Advisory on Police verification of Passports of Haj Pilgrims.

Sir/Madam,

It has been brought notice to this Ministry on various occasions that State Police are taking too much time for Police verifications of Passport application of Haj Pilgrims.

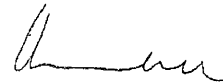
2. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule (List-II) to the Constitution of India. The Union Government, however, attaches the highest importance to prevention of crime and, therefore, has been advising the State Governments/ UT Administrations from time to time to give more focused attention to the administration of the criminal justice system with emphasis on prevention. Expeditious verification of passports is a part of the State Police Administration.
3. The State Governments /UT Administrations are therefore advised to ensure that Police verification of Passports of Haj pilgrims are done expeditiously by respective States/UTs and Verification Reports are sent to the concerned Passport Officers in the States/UTs, so that the Haj Pilgrims could get their Passports in time, keeping in view the ensuing Haj-2012.
4. The State Governments/UT Administrations may also consider taking any additional measures for expeditious Police Verification of Passports of Haj Pilgrims as necessary. This Ministry may also be kept apprised of any special measures/mechanisms introduced in their respective jurisdictions so that the same could be circulated to the other State Governments and UT Administrations for consideration/ adoption.

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5. You are requested to kindly ensure that these comprehensive guidelines are circulated amongst all the Verification Officers / Police Stations under your jurisdiction for strict compliance.

6. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Secretary/ Secretary Home – All State Governments/UT Administrations.
2. The Director General of Police – All State Governments/UT Administrations.