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Shri Narendra Modi ji Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India, New Delhi.

Subject: Subject: Muslims visit Macca for Umrah and Hajj yatra.

Respected Pradhan Mantri Ji, JAI HIND!

This I write to draw your kind attention which brought to my notice regarding an issue of pilgrimage to Mecca for Umrah and Hajj. A large number of Muslims from all over the world including India visit Mecca for Umrah and Hajj. The Saudi Arabia Government gives Visa or MOFA at free of cost for this service. From 2018 the Saudi Government has given free MOFA or Visa but has given a criteria for this is that if the person should give gap of 2 years for this yatra. But if he has to visit Hajj within 2 years of time period then he has to pay 2000 Riyal to the Saudi Government which comes to rupees 38,000 approximately for Indian pilgrims. In this connection, I came to know that some other countries have taken up this issue diplomatically (through Ministry) with the Saudi Government and have got relief on this clause.

My request to you is that similarly our Government should also raise this issue with the Saudi Government diplomatically and give relief to the pilgrims from India who travel to Umrah and Hajj.

With best regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Rahul Shewale)