

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry	
RCCI Standing Committee Meeting on	
Hajj & Umrah	
Venue: Khalid Waheed Conference Hall	Time: 11:00am
Date: 1st February, 2014	
Chairman: Mr. Bilal Maqbool	Vice Chairman: Mr. Ansar Iqbal
Chief Guest: Federal Minister Sardar Muhammad Yousaf	
Minutes Recorded by: Amara Saleem	

S. No	Points Of Discussion
	The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.
1.	<p>Malik Shahid Saleem Senior Vice President RCCI welcomed Federal Minister Sardar Muhammad Yousaf and all participants. He highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He proposed to the Federal Minister to provide Hajj Quota to all chambers across Pakistan. To start this dignified initiative start Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry. • He further guarantees complete scrutiny.
2.	<p>Mr. Bilal Maqbool Chairman, Standing Committee on Hajj & Umrah elaborated the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thanks Federal Minister on accepting the invitation to visit chamber on short notice. • He stated that Top Organizers of RCCI Hajj & Umrah Standing Committee are active members and tax payers. • Last year a group from RCCI was send for Umrah on no profit and no loss. • He proposed that there are two packages to perform Hajj either through Private or Government; people usually have a misconception that Hajj through Private Hajj group organizers is expensive & they prefer government. Similarly the price of tickets from the pack ages differ, He requested Minister to bind the airlines to charge similar price of ticket from both of the packages. • He emphasized that through all the above differences cost on the Hajj Group Organizers is increased. • He requested the Federal Minister Sardar Muhammad Yousaf to communicate with Saudi Government to provide better transport facility to the Pakistani Pilgrims; as they have to face a lot of problems in this regard. To accommodate the pilgrims at their best.
3.	Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, Federal Minister congratulates the chairman of Hajj & Umrah Standing Committee and all participants. He stated that the present government is very keen to keep every ministry very transparent. He stated that formerly some incorrect measures were taken by in last year 2013 every one has appreciated the ministry.
4.	Presentation on Hajj & Umrah Statistics was delivered by Ms. Amara Saleem R&D Officer R & D department.

5.	<p>Shaikh Muhammad Shabbir Group Leader RCCI appreciated the ministry for improving its credibility. He further stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disparity between Government scheme & Hajj Group Organizers Scheme to be eliminated. • Provision of Special Quota for RCCI Members.
6.	<p>Federal Minister Sardar Muhammad Yousaf further stated that it is our responsibility to talk to Saudi Government to improve the transport for pilgrims of Pakistan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He further emphasized that private packages should also be affordable for the people of our country. • All processes will be computerized from 1st April, 2014. • Monitoring system of the ministry is improved & it will benefit. • He proposed that Ministry will talk to the airlines to provide the similar ticket prices for both of the packages.
7.	<p>Mr. Jalil Malik, Former President stated that Pilgrims of Pakistan have to wait at Jeddah Airport. In this regard Minister responded that Ministry has already talked to Saudi Government.</p>
8.	<p>Mr. Asad Mashadi congratulate Mr. Bilal Maqbool Chairman, Standing Committee and stated that government Hajj Scheme should be privatized. But Minister responded that Allotment of quota is by orders of Supreme Court.</p>
9.	<p>One of the member stated that Umrah should be performed in a group at Mecca showing the unity of our country.</p>
10.	<p>Mr. Sohail Altaf, Former President RCCI emphasized that all measures taken from the ministry should be totally Interest Free and steps should be taken to implement it.</p>
11.	<p>At the end, Senior Vice President Malik Shahid Saleem thanked Federal Minister Sardar Muhammad Yousaf & all the participants and meeting was adjourned with the vote of thanks.</p>