



KARNATAKA STATE BOARD OF AUQAF

(Established by the Government of Karnataka)



PROCEEDINGS OF THE KARNATAKA STATE BOARD OF AUQAF, BENGALURU

Subject: Guidelines for Celebration of **Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid)** for the year 2020 in view of Covid-19 Pandemic in the state of Karnataka-reg.

Ref:1 Official Memorandum F No. Z.28015/192020-EMR(Pt) dtd: 04-06-2020

2 Circular No. MWD/52/WES/2020 Dated: 06-06-2020 & Govt. Order No. MWD/02/MDS/2020 Dated: 24-07-2020 of Secretary to Government, Minority Welfare Haj and Waqf Department Bengaluru.

PREAMBLE:

The Hilal Committee of Karnataka has announced that the Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid)-2020 will be celebrated on 01st August 2020 in the state of Karnataka. Udupi, Dakshina Kannada & Coorg District Muslims are celebrating the same on 31st July 2020. Traditionally Muslims offer congregational Eid Namaaz in the morning in open spaces of Eidgah and in Masaajid as well. Due to heavy rain, natural calamities or any law & order situation Eid prayers are offered in the Masaajid preferably.

Covid-19 Virus is being spread with a dangerous phenomena in the state. Health and Family Welfare, Secretariat Government of India in its Official Memorandum with reference (2) above have issued guidelines prohibiting the large gathering and congregation. The Management of Eidgahs is practically not in a position to maintain social/physical distancing during the Eid congregational Namaaz since it attracts huge crowd including Children and Senior citizens.

In view of the spike in Covid-19 cases in the State, Government of Minority Welfare Department in its order referred to above have permitted to offer congregational Eid Namaaz in the premises of Masaajid, if the Management Committee of such Masjid is willing to allow and confident to follow all the precautionary measures and the guidelines issued in the Government Circular dated:06-06-2020.

The Guidelines issued in the circular and order referred to above in nutshell are as under:-

1. Disinfection of Masaajid and its area shall be done prior to and after the Eid Namaaz.



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2. The Masaajid in Containment zone shall remain close till zone is de-notified.
3. Entry of Musallies shall be monitored to avoid overcrowding.
4. Use of face Masks shall be mandatory for all the Musallies.
5. Wadhu (Ablution) shall be performed at home.
6. Persons above 60 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, persons asymptomatic and children below 10 years shall offer Namaaz in their homes.
7. Individuals shall maintain a distance of 6 feet at all times.
8. Thermal Scanning shall be done at the entry point.
9. Provision shall be made for hand washing with liquid soap at entrance and appropriate places.
10. Touching of religious literature shall not be allowed.
11. The Musallies shall bring their own Jayenamaaz (Mussalla) to the Masjid.
12. Eid greetings are strictly regulated with social distancing.
13. Special attention to be given for the unknown entrants.
14. Beggars shall not be allowed to sit out side of the Masaajid.

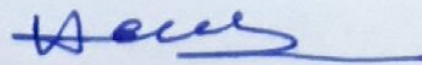
Subject to strict implementation of the above guidelines the following order:-

ORDER NO.KSBA/ADM/03/2020-21 Dated: 29-07-2020

In view of the reasons explained in the preamble and the specific guidelines issued by the Government in its order under reference, Karnataka State Board of Auqaf appeal to the Muslim community of Karnataka to celebrate Eid-Ul-Azha (Bakrid) at low key for the reason that considerable number of persons have passed away due to Covid-19 pandemic and the situation is miserable.

It further prohibits the congregational Eid Namaaz scheduled to be offered on 31st July-2020 in certain Districts and on 1st August 2020 in the remaining districts of the State of Karnataka in the open spaces of Eidgahs.

The congregational Eid Namaaz may be offered in Masaajid with minimum number of Musallies as for as practicable, maintaining the physical distancing.



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The Namaz including Khutba shall be completed within 15 to 20 minutes. Entire Eid-Ul-Azha prayer shall be completed before 8:00 a.m., Masaajid shall be closed instantaneously thereafter.

Looking in to the grave situation certain management committees in the state have unilaterally taken decision to suspend the congregational prayers in the Masaajid which is laudable. Such management committees may continue to do so during the Eid-Ul-Azha (Bakrid) in the larger interest of public health.

The Managing Committees which allow musallies to offer Eid Namaaz in the Masaajid shall take all precautionary measures explained in the preamble and in the earlier Circulars of the Board.

The Qurbani (sacrifice) of permitted animals may be made in a designated Abattoirs (slaughter houses) or secluded places maintaining utmost hygiene. Slaughtering the animals in public places, open spaces and community halls are not permitted. The waste residuals may be disposed of at the earliest.

No Congregational Eid Namaaz shall be arranged or offered in Community halls, Shadimahals and Open spaces. The Waqf Officers, District Waqf Advisory Committees across the State shall ensure the adherence of aforesaid guidelines by the Management of Masaajid and Idgahs, no further deliberation in this regard is solicited except compliance of the guidelines in the letter and spirit. Any dereliction in this regard will be viewed seriously.


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Copy submitted for kind information to:

1. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
2. The Director General & Inspect General of Police, Karnataka State.
3. The Addl. Chief Secretary, Health & family welfare, Vikas South, Bengaluru.
4. The Secretary to Government, Minority welfare Haj and Waqf Dept. Bengaluru.

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5. The P.S to Hon'ble Minister, for Animal Husbandry, Haj & Waqf, Vikas Soudha, Bengaluru.
6. The P.S to Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka State Board of Auqaf, Bengaluru.

Copies for information and necessary action:

1. The Commissioners of Police, Bengluru/Mysuru/Mangaluru/Hubballi/Dharwad/Belagavi/Kalburgi.
2. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State.
3. The Superintendent of Police in the State.
4. The Director of Information & Publicity Bengaluru with request to publicize the order in all the news papers in Karnataka.
5. All the Waqf Officer, District Waqf Advisory Committees in the State. They are directed to circulate these guidelines to the Management of all the Masaajid and Eidgahs in their jurisdictions and to ensure adherence of guidelines positively.