## TRIPURA STATE HAJ COMMITTEE UNDER MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA HAJ BHAWAN MELARMATH AGARTALA

A State Hajj Committee was constituted by the State Government in 1985 as per Parliament Act-1959 to properly manage the Hajj aspirants of the State every year and a new committee is constituted every three years. The current membership is 15 members which is a minority since FY 2011-12. Under the purview of the Welfare Department. A total of 1892 people have performed Hajj through the State Hajj Committee till 2023 out of which 1433 men and 459 women. A total of 163 people performed Hajj this year i.e. 2023, among them 112 men and 51 women.

Functions of State Haj Committee:-

- a) Issuance of Hajj notification at specified times every year.
- b) Helping to submit Hajj application form online.
- c) Providing necessary assistance in obtaining passports, visas etc.
- d) Providing district wise training and necessary immunizations to Haj pilgrims prior to Haj journey.
- Arranging accommodation, food and transportation of Haj pilgrims in Agartala, Kolkata.
- f) Three months free computer training is given to the educated unemployed youth of the minority communities of the state at Haj Bhawan. In this case, the remote trainees are provided with free accommodation in the Haj building.
- g) Provision of accommodation at low cost if any person belonging to the minority Muslim community wants to stay in the Haj Bhawan in Agartala for any special needs.
- h) Preparations are underway to provide free coaching to the educated unemployed youth of the minority communities of the state for the preparation of competitive examinations at the Haj Bhavan.