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Letter—from KUNWAR MAHARAJ SINGH, C.I.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education (Sanitary).

To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

*Dated—*Delhi, the 2nd March 1921.

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ENCLOSURE

Letter—from the British Agent, Jeddah.

To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.

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RS. A.

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mately Rs. 11).

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125—150

B. Jeddah.

Sambuk	...	...	...	...	2	0
Cartage	...	...	...	...	0	4
House-rent (three days)	...	...	...	...	1	0
Mutawwif's Agent	...	...	...	...	2	8
Subsistence	...	...	...	...	3	0
Camel to Mecca	...	...	...	...	8	0
Camelman to Mecca	...	...	...	...	0	12
Shukduf to Mecca	...	...	...	...	3	0
Bahra fee	...	...	...	...	0	4

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	RS. A.	RS.
<i>C. Mecca.</i>		
Mutawwif	8 0	
Zamzammi	2 0	
Ka'aba, etc., guide... ..	5 0	
House-rent (fourteen days)	14 0	
Subsistence (fourteen days)	21 0	
Camel to Arafat and return	5 0	
Camelman to Arafat and return	2 0	
Shukduf	2 0	
Share of tent, if taken	3 0	
Muna (three days)	6 0	
		68
<i>D. Medina.</i>		
Camel via Jeddah and return to Jeddah	120 0	
Camelman	10 0	
Shukduf	8 0	
Subsistence and expenses (fourteen days)	35 0	
Sabi (guard)	5 0	
Subsistence and expenses in Medina (seven days)	35 0	
Musawirs fee	3 0	
		216
<i>E. Jeddah.</i>		
House-rent (from three days two months)	1—10	
Subsistence	3—60	
Sambuk	1	5— 71
Total	435—526	

The above includes all reasonable expenses, fees and bakshish.

In practice, as only a few pilgrims are wise enough or in a position to deposit a reserve at this agency, the bulk of the pilgrims have every anna they are suspected to possess taken from them on one pretext or another, if not by actual robbery, before they re-embark.

Reference to the above figures will show that a pilgrim performing only the Haj proper may be expected to have to spend a minimum of Rs. 106, excluding his ticket, and a maximum of Rs. 172.

For a pilgrim including Medina in his Haj, the figures are approximately Rs. 310 and Rs. 376, respectively.

Provided pilgrims deposit a reserve against their expenses after the Haj, which would obviate the temptation offered to robbers and to the swarm of those who prey on them, to relieve them of their surplus cash, each pilgrim should bring not less than Rs. 260 after paying for his ticket, and Rs. 450 in the case of those able to afford the pilgrimage to Medina.

This would leave a balance, after meeting unavoidable expenses, of from Rs. 75—140 for subsistence on both voyages, contingencies and personal expenditure.

The report referred to in your above telegram is not at present available, but I trust that the information furnished in this despatch covers the scope of your query and that it will be found of use as a guide to the sum necessary for a pilgrim to bring from India if the Haj is to be performed in reasonable comfort and without recourse to charity and relief.

Cable communication is at present interrupted, but a telegram embodying the essential figures awaits despatch as soon as communication is restored.

Order—No. 386, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 14th March 1921.

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2. The Publicity Officer is requested to issue a press-slip on the subject and arrange for its publication in all the leading Muhammadan newspapers in the Presidency.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

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" the Political Agents, Pudukkottai, Banganapalle and Sandur.
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