

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the facilitation of Pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal, Pakistan

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to collectively as the "**Parties**", are desirous to provide easy access to the Pilgrims who are citizens of India or persons of Indian origin, hereinafter referred to as "**Pilgrims**", to the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal, Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as **Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib**), being the final resting place of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, as well as to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji through the dedicated corridor developed across the International Boundary (with Zero Point at 54.38 meters from Boundary Pillar 42/7 towards Boundary Pillar 42/8 and 89.595 meters from Boundary Pillar 42/8 towards Boundary Pillar 42/7), hereinafter referred to as "**Kartarpur Sahib Corridor**";

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- i. The objective of this Agreement is to facilitate visa-free travel of Pilgrims from India to Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan and back to India, through the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor.
- ii. In order to implement this Agreement, the Parties shall establish requisite infrastructure including construction of a bridge at Budhi Ravi Channel, at the earliest possible, facilitation centers and, counters for running security checks and identity cards for the facilitation of Pilgrims, as agreed, in their respective territories to facilitate safe, secure, smooth and hassle-free movement of Pilgrims.
- iii. The Kartarpur Sahib Corridor shall be operational from dawn to dusk, seven days a week, throughout the year, except for closure on notified days or exigencies which will be informed to Government of India in advance. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall ensure that all Pilgrims, who enter Pakistan on a given day, return to India the same day, before dusk.
- iv. Pilgrims shall travel on valid passport. The Pilgrims will include Indian passport holders as well as persons of Indian origin who shall carry the Overseas Citizen of India Card along with their passports.



- v. The Government of India shall share with the Government of Pakistan, through designated nodal points, details of the Pilgrims 10 days prior to their entry through Kartarpur Sahib Corridor. The Government of Pakistan shall share the final list of pilgrims, 4 days before the date of the visit, with the Government of India. For this the nodal points will establish a mechanism.
- vi. The Government of Pakistan may issue an identity card to facilitate the Pilgrims visiting Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib solely for the purpose of religious visit. The Government of Pakistan will charge USD 20 per pilgrim per visit, as service charges.
- vii. 5000 Pilgrims shall be permitted to visit Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib through the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor on any given day, with an additional provision for more Pilgrims on special days including Gurburab, Baisakhi, etc., subject to capacity.
- viii. The Pilgrims may travel as individuals or in groups, as per their choice. The Pilgrims may preferably constitute a group of at least 15 people. Pilgrims may also travel through the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor on foot.
- ix. It shall be the responsibility of the Parties to ensure that the Pilgrims do not carry any item, from either side, mentioned in the list annexed to this Agreement.
- x. The Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the national laws, rules and regulations of the Parties. The Agreement does not affect the existing commitments under the Agreements entered between the Parties and obligations under International Law.
- xi. The Parties shall designate nodal points on either side for sharing concerns, if any, arising out of the day to day operation of this Agreement.
- xii. The operation of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor may be suspended in case of exigencies or persistent violation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- xiii. The designated nodal points between the Border Security Force and the Pakistan Rangers will deal with emergencies and exigencies, * including medical evacuation of the Pilgrims.



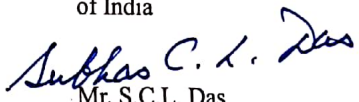
- xiv. A Joint Working Group (JWG) shall be constituted by the Parties for facilitating the smooth implementation of this Agreement.
- xv. All differences arising from, or in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement shall be amicably settled between the Parties through diplomatic channels.
- xvi. This Agreement may be amended, supplemented or modified by written mutual agreement of the Parties.
- xvii. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signatures by the Parties and shall remain valid for a period of 5 years, unless terminated earlier. The parties may extend the duration of this Agreement for any period by mutual consent in writing.
- xviii. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving a notice of one month to the other party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

In Witness whereof, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Agreement at Zero Point Kartarpur Corridor on this 24th day of October in the year 2019, in two originals, in the English language.

On behalf of the
Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan


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On behalf of the
Government of the Republic
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ANNEXURE - LIST OF NEGATIVE ITEMS

(Not to be carried while traveling through Kartarpur Sahib Corridor on either way)

- Firearms and ammunition
- Explosive substances
- Narcotic drugs and Psychotropic substances
- Knife and blade except all types of *Kirpans*
- Counterfeit currency notes, stamps and coins
- Maps and literature with incorrect depiction of external boundaries of India and Pakistan (*both in physical as well as digital form*)
- Literature, media items and objects including flags and banners, challenging territorial integrity of India and Pakistan or potentially damaging to communal harmony in India and Pakistan (*both in physical as well as digital form*)
- Any goods for commercial purpose for profit gain or commercial usage, as per applicable laws
- Radio transmitters not approved for normal usage
- Satellite phone
- Objects made of gold and silver, other than ornaments for personal use or for religious purposes, as per applicable laws
- Pornographic material
- Goods infringing the enforceable intellectual property rights
- Antiquities and art treasures
- Wildlife items and products
- Endangered species of plants and animals whether live or dead
- Wi-fi and broadband devices
- Liquor

