109306 - He is suggesting that Mina be expanded!

the question

Is it possible to expand Mina, so that it will be big enough for all the pilgrims? Because many pilgrims cannot find any space in Mina.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The places and times of Hajj are clearly defined by the Lawgiver and there is no room for ijtihaad. The Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) did the Farewell Pilgrimage in which he said: “Learn from me your rituals of Hajj, for perhaps I may not meet you again after this year.” And he explained in it the times and places.

The boundaries of Mina are: Waadi Muhassir as far as Jamrat al-‘Aqabah. So the person who does Hajj must look for a place that is within the boundaries of Mina; if he cannot get a spot, he may stay in the nearest place to Mina, and there is no penalty on him.

And Allah is the source of strength. May Allaah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions. End quote.

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