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**Minutes of the meeting held on 26.10.2016, regarding matters relating to pitching of tents/ shops in the Yatra area, for Yatra 2017.**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 2.PM to discuss various issues connected with allotment of permissions to pitch tents and shops in the Yatra area, for Yatra 2017, and other matters connected with regard thereto.

2. The following officers participated in the meeting:

- a) Shri P.K.Tripathi, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board.
- b) Shri Baseer Ahmed Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.
- c) Shri Jitendra Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board.
- d) Shri Syed Abid Shah, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.
- e) Shri Tariq Hussain Ganai, KAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal.
- f) Shri Imtiaz Ismail, Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal.
- g) Shri Muzaffar, Sub Divisional Police Officer, Pahalgam.

3. Welcoming the participants, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, apprised the participants about the following issues which are required to be settled regarding issuance of Tent/Shop permissions for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2017:-



- a) The number of tents/ shops to be pitched in each Yatra Camp and at other places enroute Holy Cave, including areas outside the Baltal Base Camp, for Yatra 2017;
- b) The procedure and the timelines to be followed for grant of tents/ shops permissions; and,
- c) The monitoring procedure to be followed for ensuring that tents / shops were pitched strictly according to the layout plan of the Yatra Camp concerned.

4. Chief Executive Officer, SASB stressed the need for:

- a) ensuring that tents are pitched only in the designated area earmarked for pitching tents / shops within each Yatra Camp and along both the Yatra routes. No tents should be allowed to be pitched anywhere else in the Yatra area;
- b) Strictly following the timelines prescribed for pitching of tents / shops for Yatra 2017;
- c) Maintaining proper fire gaps between tents / shops in order to avoid any untoward incident;
- d) Strictly prohibiting the pitching of any un-authorized tents / shops in the Yatra area for Yatra 2017 and beyond;
- e) Streamlining the number of shops to be established outside the Baltal Base Camp with proper Layout Plan and mapping;
- f) Ensuring that no shops are permitted in the area 300 meters before and beyond the Access Control Gate of Domel;
- g) ensuring the pitching of tents / shops strictly in accordance with the approved Lay out Plan at each Camp location and enroute Shri Amarnathji Shrine;
- h) Ensuring parity in treatment of Langars and shops as regards strict implementation of the prescribed Food Menu by both Langarwallas and Shopwallas;
- i) Ensuring the fixation of reasonable rates of various items sold by the shop owners in the Yatra area on rational basis by the concerned Deputy Commissioners while factoring in the cost of carriage and other factors;
- j) Ensuring fixation of reasonable rates of hiring of tents by the Yatris on rational basis at each Camp location in the Yatra area by maintaining uniformity in two districts by the two Deputy Commissioners.

5. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, suggested that due weightage be given to the tent / shop permission seekers having past experience while issuing tent / shops permissions to be issued for Yatra 2017. His suggestion that the preference should be given to the applicants from the concerned tehsil, followed by those of concerned subdivision, followed by applicants from within the concerned District and followed by those from outside the District was unanimously agreed. Divisional Commissioner further asked both the Deputy Commissioners of Ganderbal and Anantnag to jointly sort out the issues pertaining to the fixation of the rates of

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different items sold in the Yatra area and maintain uniformity in fixation of rates of other services;

6. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and Anantnag, suggested that the size of the Identity Card to be issued to the tent / shop permission holder for Yatra 2017 be increased. They further suggested for providing different colour codings to different category of Identity Cards to be provided to different service providers. CEO, SASB suggested introduction of Bar Coding of Identity Cards to be issued to the tent / shop permission holders for Yatra 2017. He also suggested that the format of application forms / other formats be modified by incorporating self-certification of the applicants as regards commitment for maintaining adequate fire gaps, installation of fire extinguishers and adherence to other terms and conditions prescribed for pitching tents / shops for Yatra 2017. Deputy Commissioners of Anantnag and Ganderbal further requested that certain quota of tent / shop permissions may be kept at their disposal to meet the contingencies in the emergent situations. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir suggested both the Deputy Commissioners to fix the weightage / percentage of quota for applicants from within the concerned Tehsil / Sub Division / District / outside the District within the overall limit / quota fixed for Yatra 2017 and convey the same to him as well as to CEO, SASB by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.
7. Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal suggested a joint meeting of the District administration, SASB officials and local stake holders / permission holders to address the issues pertaining to the pitching of tents / shops for Yatra 2017.
8. After detailed discussion on issues related to grant of tent/shop permissions in the Yatra area, the following decisions were taken in respect of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2017:
  - i) The Tent / Shop permissions shall be granted by the Deputy Commissioner concerned through "draw of lots", using computer software/package developed by NIC;
  - ii) The preference shall be given to the applicants from the concerned Tehsil, followed by those from the concerned Sub-Division, followed by those from within the concerned District and lastly the applicants from outside the District. The tent / shop permission seekers having past experience of pitching tents / shops in the Yatra area shall also be given

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due preference and weightage while working out inter-se weightage for issuing permissions;

- iii) 10% preference shall be given to the different Camping Agencies registered with the J&K Tourism Department.
- iv) Deputy Commissioners are authorised to fix the number / percentage of quota for applicants from within the concerned Tehsil / Sub Division / District / outside the District within the overall limit / quota fixed for Yatra 2017 keeping in view the past experience, the number of applications received and the quota allotted in the previous Yatras;
- v) SASB shall devise and provide format of the Application Form to the Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and Anantnag, by 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The Application Form will have attachments related to quality parameters as well as specimen design of tents. Each tent / shop permission holder would entitle one I-Card for the owner, which will be issued by the Deputy Commissioner concerned. The intending tent / shop owner would be required to furnish one Application Form indicating his preference if any for various Camp locations in the Application Form. An applicant can fill one application form only;
- vi) Deputy Commissioner concerned shall issue Notice inviting applications by 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017, for pitching of tents/ shops in the Yatra area;
- vii) Deputy Commissioner concerned shall issue Application Forms for pitching of tents/ shops from 15.02.2017 to 15.03.2017;
- viii) The Application Forms will be filled-up by the applicants and submitted (**in duplicate along with photographs**) in the office of Deputy Commissioner concerned from 01.03.2017 to 31.03.2017;
- ix) As soon as an applicant applies for tent / shop permission, Deputy Commissioner concerned shall forward the duplicate copy of the Application Form (along with photographs) to the concerned SSP for Police verification of the antecedents of the applicant;





- x) SSP concerned shall complete the Police verification of the applicant and communicate the findings to Deputy Commissioner concerned within 15 days and in all cases latest by 15.04.2017;
- xi) Deputy Commissioner of Anantnag and Ganderbal districts shall issue Permission Letters, latest by 15.05.2017, after following the procedure mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs. The permissions so issued by the Deputy Commissioner concerned shall bear a serial number and mention the location as per the layout plan of the Yatra Camp/ location, where the tent/ shop would be required to be pitched. The tent/ shop permission holder would be required to adhere to the prescribed terms and conditions, which would be printed on the backside of the Permission Letter;
- xii) Maximum number of Tents and Shops permissions to be granted for Yatra 2017 shall be as indicated below:

Baltal Axis

S.No.	Location	Maximum number of tents/ Shops to be pitched during Yatra 2017		
		Tent	Shop	Total
1	Baltal Base Camp	1200	20	1220
2	Holy Cave	180	35	215
3	Between Baltal Base Camp and Domel Access Control Gate (upto 300 mtrs before the Access Control Gate)	-	40	40
4	Railpathri	-	20	20
5	Brarimarg	-	40	40
6	Sangam	-	20	20
Total		1380	175	1555

Pahalgam Axis

S. No.	Location	Maximum number of tents/ shops to be pitched during Yatra 2016		
		Tent	Shop	Total
1	Nunwan	450	35	485
2	Sheshnag	800	50	850
3	Panjtarni	900	50	950
4	Holy Cave	180	35	215
Total		2330	170	2500

*Handwritten signatures and initials.*

- xiii) A maximum of 15% of the total tents to be pitched in the Yatra area will be allowed to be pitched as service tents for accommodating the Service Providers.
- xiv) Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall also undertake an exercise to streamline the number of shops to be established in the area between Y-Junction to Baltal Base Camp with proper Layout Plan and mapping after following the procedure mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs under intimation to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall also submit a copy of the Layout Plan to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir and CEO, SASB by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. No tent however, shall be allowed to be pitched for boarding / lodging the Yatris outside the fenced Baltal Base Camp area. No permission shall be granted for shops anywhere else in the Yatra area other than the locations specified in 8 (xii) as per the Layout Plan.
- xv) Tents / Shops shall be pitched in the Camps strictly as per the serial number indicated in the Permission Letter in accordance with the lay out plan of the Yatra camp, prepared by General Manager (Works), SASB. The pitching of the tents/ shops shall be supervised by a Committee, to be constituted by the Deputy Commissioner concerned for each Yatra camp/ location, comprising Camp Officer deployed by Deputy Commissioner concerned, Police Officers deployed in the Camp; officers of SDA / PDA, and officers of Fire & Emergency Services Department. These Committees shall be in position in the Yatra camp / location concerned, by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and Anantnag shall ensure that no un-authorized tents/ shops are pitched in the Yatra area for Yatra 2017 and beyond;

- xvi) Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and Anantnag shall ensure that the tent / shop permission holders establish their tent / shops only in the designated location in the Yatra Camps and enroute for which the permission would be granted for Yatra 2017;
- xviii) Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall ensure that no tents/shops are pitched in the area 300 meters before and beyond the Access Control Gate of Domel;
- xix) Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and Anantnag shall jointly fix the rates of hiring of tents and various items sold in the



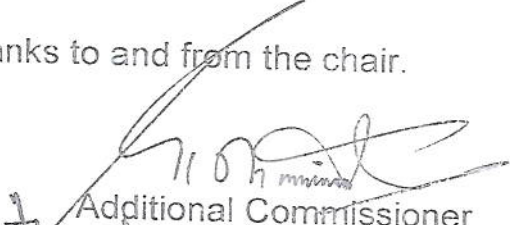


Yatra area and ensure uniformity in the rates on rational basis with a copy of the rates fixed furnished to the CEO, SASB by 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017;

- xx) Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and Anantnag shall ensure parity in strict enforcement of the prescribed Food Menu both by Langarwallas and Shopwallas.
- xxi) Permission holder shall pitch and use the tents strictly in accordance with the specifications prescribed by SASB and provide bedding of good quality to the satisfaction of the Committee referred to in the preceding clause. The permission shall be liable to be cancelled if poor quality bedding/ tents are used by the tent owner;
- xxii) Deputy Commissioners concerned shall take adequate fire safety measures, in consultation with Fire and Emergency Services Department, and ensure that Fire Extinguishers are installed by the tent/ shop owners, and adequate fire gaps are maintained while tents/ shops are being pitched;
- xxiii) Fire and Emergency Services Department shall impart necessary training to the tent / shop permission holders for operating fire extinguishing equipment;
- xxiv) Fire and Emergency Services Department shall install adequate number of fire extinguishers in each Yatra camp / location and also station fire brigades at Baltal, Nunwan and Chandanwari Camps by 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.
- xxv) J&K Police shall ensure that no person is allowed to pitch tents / shops at Yatra camp/ locations before the arrival of the Committee referred to at clause (xv);
- xxvi) General Manager (Works), SASB, shall make and supervise arrangements for collection and disposal of garbage from each shop / tent at every Yatra Camp / location on daily basis. The concerned Deputy Commissioner will assign area of responsibility to his officers to monitor actual implementation on ground;
- xxvii) All tentwallas / shopwallas shall be required to keep a dust bin in the tent/ shop for collection of garbage. The concerned Deputy Commissioner will assign area of responsibility to his officers to monitor actual implementation on ground;
- xxviii) Deputy Commissioner concerned shall issue permission for pitching tents / shops subject to payment of a fee of Rs.100/- for each boarding-tent, and Rs.600/- for each shop-tent, by

the tent / shop owners, applicable in respect of tent / shops referred to at clause 8 (xii) which shall be deposited in the SASB Account No. 0122040100004949, J&K Bank, Pahalgam; or Account No. 0110040100014077, J&K Bank, Civil Secretariat.

9. The Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to and from the chair.

  
Additional Commissioner  
Kashmir  
06/12

No: Div Com/ Dev/ Yatra/ 63/2016

Dated: 06.12.2016.

Copy to the:

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2. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal
3. Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.
4. Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal.
5. Superintendent of Police, Anantnag.
6. Sub Divisional Police Officer, Pahalgam District Anantnag.
7. District Informatics Officer, NIC Srinagar for uploading on official website of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.
8. Private Secretary to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for kind information of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.