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Subject:- Constitution of Committee to manage the opening and closure of the Zojila pass-Meeting thereof.

Reference: Government Order No. 1048-JK (GAD) of 2020 dated 13.11.2020

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, chaired a meeting of the committee constituted vide above referred to order on 18.11.2020 at 4.00 PM at meeting hall of this office in connection with opening and closure of Zojila pass.

Following officers participated in the meeting:

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| (i) Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh | { | through VC |
| (ii) Deputy Commissioner, Kargil | | |
| (iii) Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal | | |
| (iv) Executive Director (Project), Leh/Srinagar, NHIDCL | | |
| (v) Chief Engineer PWD/MED/BRO. | | |
| (vi) SSP, Ganderbal. | | |
| (vii) SSP, Kargil. | | |
| (viii) SSP Traffic Rural (through representative DYSP Traffic Ganderbal) | | |

At the outset Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir welcomed all the participants of the meeting and informed that Government of Jammu & Kashmir has constituted a committee vide Government Order No.1048-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated 13.11.2020 in connection with the decisions to be taken with regard to the opening and closure of and all other related matters of Zojilla Pass. Thereafter, all the stake holders put forth their valuable suggestions with regard to opening, closure and plying of Army as well as private vehicles on the Zojila pass.

After threadbare discussion and deliberations following decisions were taken:

S No	Name of work	Directions	Action by
1.	Opening and closure of Road	The opening and closure of the Zojila pass shall be strictly as per the directions passed by the Committee constituted vide Government order No. No.1048-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated	All Committee members/ proposed invitees/

		13.11.2020 taking in view the weekly weather forecast issued by the Director , Indian Metrological Department & SASE. Further, the representative of SASE/15 Corps/8 Mountain Div, Sonamarg /MET, Beacon and 123 TA shall be the permanent invitees for the committee meetings.	stake holders/8 Mountain Div.
2.	Issuance of Avalanche warning/ Forecast by SASE/MET	Director, Indian Metrological Department shall coordinate with SASE and shall issue and share the avalanche warnings, weather forecast at least of a week. SASE shall ensure deputation of 2 No. of ultrasonic radars at Rangamode and Gumri.	Dir. MET Kmr/SASE
3.	Adherence of traffic advisories	Both the sides shall ensure a dry run up to zero point of the SSG Road well before the plying of traffic. All the departments/stake holders shall adhere to the traffic advisories issued by the Traffic Department in consultation from the above referred committee. Wide publicity shall be given with regard to opening and closure of road for the convenience of public.	DC/SSP Ganderbal & Kargil/ SSP Traffic rural kmr/ Kargil
4.	Establishment of Joint Control Room	A joint control room of traffic police of Kargil and Ganderbal headed by DySP level Officer(both sides) shall be immediately established initially at Sonamarg and afterharsh weather at CRPF Camp Gagangeer. The accommodation for the officers, officials and office shall be explored by Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and IG CRPF (Ops).	IG CRPF (ops)/DC/ SSP Ganderbal & Kargil/ SSP Traffic rural kmr/ Kargil/ CEO SDA
5.	Health facility	CMO Ganderbal shall ensure the smooth functioning of hospital at Sonamarg till road is open.	DC Gbl/DJSK/ CMO Gbl

6.	Satellite Phones	Both the Deputy Commissioners of Ganderbal and Kargil shall explore possibility of providing at least 02 satellite phones which shall be kept enroute to SSG Road. From Kashmir side the satellite phone shall be installed in Police Station, Sonamarg and Hospital Sonamarg	DC/SSP Ganderbal & Kargil/ CMO Gbl.
7.	Movement of traffic	There shall be upward one way movement of transport (Ganderbal to Kargil) w.e.f 19.11.2020 from 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM on the road. The cutoff point for upward movement is Traffic Control Point Sonamarg and for downward is Meenamarg Kargil. Beyond cutoff time and point no vehicular movement shall be allowed on the road. If, the road is closed due to any exigency the traffic shall be only allowed to ply from that side where from the traffic was last stopped.	DC/SSP Ganderbal & Kargil/ SSP Traffic rural kmr/ Kargil/8 Mountain Div/ Bro/123 TA/15 Corps
8.	Availability of Recovery Cranes by Army for private vehicles	Army shall also ensure availability of Recovery Cranes at SSG Road, Zojila pass – Kargil side for the evacuation of private stranded vehicles.	8 Mountain Div/13 ART/BRO/ 15-Corps.
9.	Providing of passes for against traffic movement	District Magistrate, Ganderbal and Kargil shall explore the possibility of providing limited No. of special passes to the employees of essential departments (Health/PHE/PDD) as well as the telecom companies etc. Besides, the information in this regard shall be shared with all stake holders/Joint Control Room.	DC Gbl/Kargil
10.	Snow clearance	From Km 68-82 snow clearance shall be undertaken by NHIDCL and the rest part of the	CE BRO/ED


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		road shall be cleared by BRO/Vijak While clearing the snow road it shall be ensured that no OFC cable/line is damaged. Further, the road clearance shall be started by BRO as early as possible.	NHIDCL/ CEO SDA/ Vijak/ Aptec
11.	Accommodation /shelter in case of any eventuality enroute SSG Road	In case of any eventuality/snow fall/closure of road necessary accommodation shall be provided to the stranded passengers/commuters by Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal at Sonamarg and Gagangeer. Besides, the locations and list of the stranded passengers shall be shared with Deputy Commissioner, Kargil.	DC Gbl/CEO Sonamarg Dev. Authority
12.	Fixation of rates with hoteliers at Sonamarg	Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall also provide the rate structure fixed by Estates Department to DC Kargil. Besides, the rates of the estates department shall be fixed and implemented with the private hoteliers.	DC Gbl
13.	Antiskid chains /weighing bridges	It shall be ensured that the vehicles plying on the Road shall wear anti skid chain and must be mechanically sound. Besides, vehicles/trucks/load carriers shall carry permissible tonnage. Besides, RTO Kashmir shall ensure operationalization of weighing bridges enroute the road to provide the communication services to general public, passengers & officials etc on duty.	RTO Kmr/SSP Traffic Rural kmr.
14.	Mobile Network	The cellular companies of BSNL/Airtel/Jio shall ensure operationalization of service enroute SSG Road, especially at Baltal, Gumri, Rangamde, Sonamarg etc.	GM BSNL/ Business head JIO/Airtel

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15.	Deputy SDRF Personnel	of	Commandant, SDRF, shall ensure deputation of 20 personnel of SDRF initially to Sonamarg and they shall be stationed at Gagangeer. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall ensure their accommodation.	Dir/Comdt. SDRF, Kashmir
16.	Display of traffic boards.	of inf.	Traffic Department /Police shall ensure installation and display Board/Flag with regard to indication of traffic movement at 4 to 5 locations from both the sides.	SSP Traffic Rural Kmr/ Ladakh
17.	Covid-19 advisories		All advisories regarding Covid-19 shall be adhered to in letter and spirit.	All
18.	Issuing of Two snow plough Machines to project Vijak		Chief Engineer, MED, Kashmir shall explore the possibility of providing 2-3 No. of snow plough machines to project Vijak after receiving proper indent , funds and other formalities within 15 days.	CE MED, Kmr.

It is impressed upon all the stake holders for mutual and better coordinated efforts for the purpose. The next meeting on the subject will be chaired within a month or as and when required.


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2. Commissioner/Secretary to GAD, Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh.
4. All Concerned.
5. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, for inf. of Chief Secretary J&K.
6. DIO, Srinagar for necessary action.