



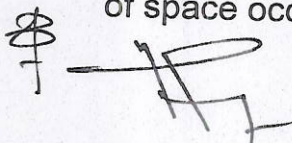
Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER, KASHMIR

Address: Amar Niwas Complex, Tanki Pore, Srinagar
Tele: Fax 0194-2487777, 2477775, 2452558, 2455357
Email: divcomk@gmail.com www.kashmirdivision.nic.in

Minutes of the meeting held on 10.10.2017, regarding matters relating to pitching of tents/ shops in the Yatra area, for Yatra 2018.

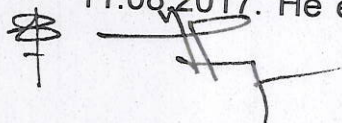
1. A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, on 10th October, 2017 at 3: 30 PM to discuss various issues pertaining to allotment of permissions to pitch tents and shops in the Yatra area, for Yatra 2018, and other matters related with regard thereto.
2. The following officers participated in the meeting:
 - a) Shri Bhupinder Kumar, IAS Additional Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board.
 - b) Shri Mohd Younis Malik, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.
 - c) Shri Nazir Ahmed Baba, Additional District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal.
 - d) Shri Fayaz Ahmed Lone, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal.
 - e) Shri Pankaj Kumar Anand, Dy. Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board.
 - f) Shri Mohd Yousuf, Dy. Superintendent of Police, HQ Anantnag.
3. Welcoming the participants, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, apprised the participants about the following issues which are required to be settled for issuance of Tent / Shop permissions for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2018:-
 - 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 2018;

- 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 are pitched strictly according to the layout plan of the Yatra Camp concerned.
4. Additional Chief Executive Officer, SASB informed about various issues regarding issuance of permissions and pitching of tents / shops for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2018. He further presented various suggestions / feedback received from different quarters including Camp Directors during Yatra 2017 and requested the concerned Deputy Commissioners of Anantnag and Ganderbal districts to consider these suggestions while granting permissions for Yatra 2018. Following issues were raised in the meeting:
- i) Fire gaps are required to be maintained properly by the tentwallas and need to be enforced properly.
 - ii) The quality of tents and beddings in the tents needs to be improved. Minimum quality standards of beddings for tents need to be prescribed and enforced by the District Administration.
 - iii) The District Administration representative should be present in his assigned jurisdiction well before start of pitching of tents/ shops in the area to avoid any kind of violation of lay out plans.
 - iv) Pitching of tents may be done after taking over of the camps by the security wing of J&K Police.
 - v) Entry of the Service Providers in the camp at Nunwan and Baltal may be allowed strictly on production of permission from the authority for pitching of tents/ installation of other utilities
 - vi) The tent owners need to get NOC from Duty Magistrate / Camp Director after the culmination of Yatra so as to ensure cleanliness of space occupied by them before leaving the Camp.



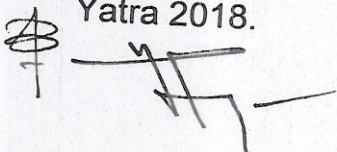
- vii) Tents are pitched only in the designated area earmarked for pitching tents / shops within each Yatra Camp and along both the Yatra routes. No tents should be allowed to be pitched anywhere beyond designated areas;
- viii) Strict adherence of the timelines prescribed for permission of tents / shops for Yatra 2018;
- ix) Strict prohibition on the pitching of any un-authorized tents / shops in the Yatra area for Yatra 2018 and beyond;
- x) Streamlining the number of shops to be established outside the Baltal Base Camp with proper Layout Plan and mapping;
- xi) Ensuring that no shops are permitted in the area 300 meters before and beyond the Access Control Gate of Domel;
- xii) Ensuring parity in treatment of Langars and shops as regards strict implementation of the prescribed Food Menu by both Langarwallas and Shopwallas;
- xiii) 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;
- xiv) 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, while reviewing the action taken on the decisions taken in the Post Yatra Review Meeting 2017, directed both the Deputy Commissioners of Anantnag and Ganderbal districts to strictly implement the decisions taken in the meeting held on 11.08.2017. He emphasized on both the DC's to devise a mechanism



for checking and improving the bedding quality to be provided by the tentwallas to the Yatris for Yatra 2018. He further urged both the DC's to preferably visit all the Yatra Camps to get familiarized with the availability of space, facilities to be established etc. He directed them to conduct series of meetings with the concerned departments for implementation of the decisions taken in the various meetings in a time bound manner. He emphasized on the strict adherence of the timelines for granting tents / shops permissions, maintaining proper fire gaps, pitching of tents / shops strictly in accordance with the approved Lay out Plan and prohibiting the pitching of any un-authorized tents / shops for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2018. He suggested to both the DC's to continue giving preference 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 during the issuance of permissions for tents / shops. Divisional Commissioner while stressing on the importance of cleanliness / sanitation in the Yatra area directed both the DC's to ensure that tent / shop owners keep a dustbin in their tents at their own level in addition to the dustbins provided by the SASB. Regarding the safety measures, he suggested both the DC's to make it mandatory for the tentwallas to also keep fire extinguishers prescribed by the Fire and Emergency Department in their tents at their own level. He also suggested for earmarking safe site away from tenting area for dumping LPG cylinders.

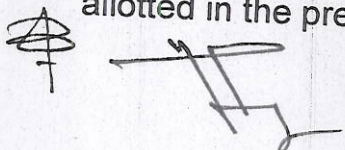
6. Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag intimated that instructions have already been issued to the concerned departments for strict implementation of the various decisions taken in the Post Yatra Review Meeting 2017. He further informed that necessary steps will be taken for improving the quality of the bedding to be provided by the Tent / Shop permission holders, strict implementation of the Layout Maps, following of the approved timelines, maintaining proper fire gaps and other issues regarding pitching of Tents / Shops in the Yatra Camps for Yatra 2018.

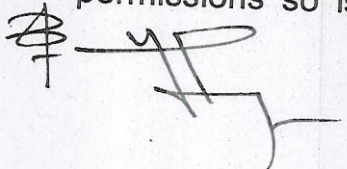


7. Senior Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal suggested that there is a need to issue strict instructions to all the Langarwallas / Shopwallas along the track from Baltal to Domail to not litter in and around the track and put all the waste / garbage generated by them in the dustbins for keeping the tracks clean.

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 2018:

- 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) 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 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. The Deputy Commissioners shall also explore the possibility of pitching some high quality tents to be made available at a higher pricing;
- 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 2018 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 20th January, 2018. The Application Form will have attachments related to quality parameters as well as specimen design of tents. Each tent / shop permission holder would be entitled to 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 1st February, 2018, for pitching of tents/ shops in the Yatra area;
- vii) Deputy Commissioner concerned shall issue Application Forms for pitching of tents/ shops from 15.02.2018 to 15.03.2018;
- 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 01.03.2018 to 31.03.2018;
- 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 15.04.2018;
- xi) Deputy Commissioner of Anantnag and Ganderbal districts shall issue Permission Letters, latest by 15.05.2018, 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 2018 shall be as indicated below:

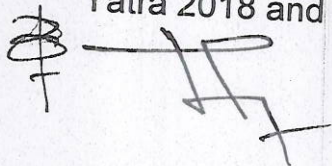
Baltal Axis

#	Location	Maximum number of tents/ Shops to be pitched during Yatra 2018		
		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

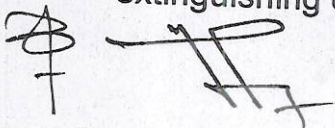
Pahalgam Axis

#	Location	Maximum number of tents/ shops to be pitched during Yatra 2018		
		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

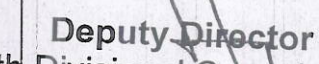
- xiii) A maximum of 15% of the total tents to be pitched in the Yatra area will be allowed to be pitched as service tents for accommodating the Service Providers.
- xiv) Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal shall also undertake an exercise to streamline the number of shops to be established in the area between 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 31st January, 2018. 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 10th June 2018, well before the pitching of tents / shops begins.
- xvi) Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal and Anantnag shall ensure that no un-authorized tents/ shops are pitched in the Yatra area for Yatra 2018 and beyond;



- xvii) 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 2018;
- 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 15th May, 2018;
- 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 15th June, 2018.
- 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;
9. The Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.


Deputy Director
With Divisional Commissioner
Kashmir (12/2017)
Dated: 22 / 12 / 2017.

No: DivCom/Dev/63/2017/ 7898

Copy to the:

1. Director General of Police, J&K.
2. Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board
3. Inspector General of Police, J&K.
4. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal
5. Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.
6. Additional District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal.
7. Senior Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal.
8. Senior Superintendent of Police, Anantnag.
9. Dy. Superintendent of Police, HQ Anantnag.
10. District Informatics Officer, NIC Srinagar for uploading on official website of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.
11. Private Secretary to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for kind information of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.