

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Divisional Commissioner Kashmir

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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 24.02.2021 at 2.00 PM at meeting hall of this office in connection with opening of Zojila pass.

Following officers participated in the meeting:

1. Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh
2. Deputy Commissioner, Kargil
3. Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal
4. Chief Engineer BRO.
5. SSP, Ganderbal.
6. SSP, Kargil.
7. SSP Traffic Rural.
8. Chief Engineer, MED, Kashmir.
9. Executive Director (Project), Leh/Srinagar, NHIDCL.

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At the outset Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir welcomed all the participants of the meeting and invited valuable suggests from the stake holders with regard to opening and smooth vehicular movement on the Zojila pass.

After threadbare discussion and deliberations following decisions were taken:

S No	Name of work	Directions	Action by
1.	Opening of Road	It was unanimously decided by the committee/participants that the road shall be thrown open on <u>28.02.2021</u> for <u>one way</u> traffic till the road as well as weather conditions improves. Therefore, the traffic movement on <u>01.03.2021</u> on the SSG road shall be downward viz, Ladakh to Kashmir and the traffic movement on <u>02.03.2021</u> shall be upward (Kashmir to Ladakh) and vice versa. The opening of the	All Committee members/ proposed invitees/ stake holders/ 8 Mountain Div.



		Zojila pass shall be strictly as per the directions passed by the Committee/participants taking in view the weekly weather forecast issued by the Director, Indian Metrological Department & SASE.	
2.	Issuance of Avalanche warning/Cut off timing/spot.	In view of the snow avalanche apprehensions the movement of the traffic shall be one way and cut of timing from Kashmir side will be 10.30 (Sonamarg) and from Ladakh side will be 11. AM (Minimarg) , which shall be strictly ensured by Army, Police as well as all other departments/agencies.	DC Gbl/Kgl, SSP, kgl/Gbl/ Rural (Kgl/kmr) Dir. MET Kmr/SASE/Army/CRPF etc
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 with 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/ Army/SASE/ CRPF etc.
4.	Establishment of Joint Control Room	Joint control rooms of traffic/ police/civil admn/MED of both sides shall establish for smooth plying of traffic and for convenience of commuters.	/DC/ SSP Ganderbal & Kargil/ SSP Traffic rural kmr/ Kargil/
5.	Health facility	CMO Ganderbal shall ensure the smooth functioning of hospital at Sonamarg. Besides, M/S; MEGHA shall provide medical facility to the commuters.	DC Gbl/DHSK/ CMO Gbl/ MEGHA
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 in case of failure/non-availability of mobile services.	DC/SSP Ganderbal & Kargil/ CMO Gbl.

7.	Availability of Recovery Cranes	Recovery cranes/vains shall be made available on the road to counter any eventuality from Kashmir side and from Ladkh side as well.	CE MED Kmr/ Traffic Police/8 Mountain Div./123 Territorial Army
8.	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 for their hassle free movement on the road.	DC Gbl/Kargil
9.	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 or at Youth Hostel & Deputy Commissioner, Kargil at appropriate place. Moreover, the chair impressed upon the M/S MEGHA /APCO to provide necessary logistic arrangements to the commuters during any exigency.	DC Gbl/CEO Sonamarg Dev. Authority/ Megha/ APCO
10.	Antiskid chains /streamlining of weighing bridge at Sonamarg.	Only the 4x4 vehicles shall be allowed to ply on the road , besides, those vehicles wearing anti skid chains and mechanically sound shall also be allowed to ply till the condition of the road improves.. Further, vehicles/trucks/load careers shall carry permissible tonnage. Besides, DC Ganderbal /RTO Kashmir shall ensure smooth functioning/streamlining of the Weighing Bridge at Sonamarg.	RTO Kmr/SSP Traffic Rural kmr.
11.	Mobile Network	The cellular companies of BSNL/Airtel/Jio shall ensure operationalization of service enroute SSG Road, especially at Baltal, Gumri, Rangamde,	CE, BRO GM BSNL/ Business head

		Sonamarg etc. In this regard BRO shall provide necessary logistic support to these cellular companies viz, electricity/food/accommodation etc.	JIO/Airtel
12.	Deputation of SDRF Personnel	Commandant, SDRF, shall ensure operationalization of SDRF component enroute SSG Road well before the opening date.	Dir/Comdt. SDRF, Kashmir
13.	Display of traffic boards.	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
14.	Covid-19 advisories	All advisories regarding Covid-19 shall be adhered to in letter and spirit.	All
15.	BSCNL/NIC OFC Cable	During the snow clearance it shall be ensured that no OFC/NIC cable is cut/damaged.	BRO/MED/ R&B

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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


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