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Date: 2nd May 2017

Ms Mehbooba Mufti,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of J&K,
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

Subject: Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2017

Hon'ble Madam,

Jammu & Kashmir is considered as heaven on earth. It attracts tourists from across the world. Apart from leisure tourism there are many Hindu pilgrimages which are considered as very pious by the Hindus globally. Pilgrim tourism has always been the backbone of J&K's economy. The sentiments of Hindu society are very well connected with these pious places throughout ages. Baba Amarnathji Yatra has a very important place among all these Yatras. The sentiments of all Shiv Bhakts are hurt very deeply when the Yatra is disturbed by anti national elements. It is the duty of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board to facilitate the conduct of Yatra but Board cannot perform its duties without the cooperation of the administrative machinery. Various sections of the society also play very important role in this regard. VHP is also very well connected with Yatra since 1995 in various forms. Successful conduct of the Yatra is a matter of concern for all Shiv Bhakts. I have certain submissions for the success of Yatra in 2017 which can be implemented during the time left before the beginning of Yatra i.e. 29th June.

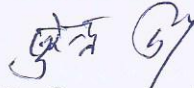
1. Whenever antinational elements attack Yatra and Yatris, Yatra is suspended for some time and coming Yatris are discouraged. Safety of Yatris and Yatra is a matter of concern for all of us. We should create such a system that there should be no need for suspension of Yatra. All Yatra routes should be handed over to Army at least 7 days before commencement of Yatra. Army Should be given free hand to deal with any situation developed during Yatra. All stone peltors, separatists or terrorists should be dealt with heavy hands. Whenever there is an attack on Yatra there develops a strong resentment among Shiv Bhakts across the country which can take any shape.
2. An immediate alternate Yatra route is required to be put in place and advertised appropriately among the visiting pilgrims. Though we strongly advocate the need of opening up of all the trek routes to Holy Cave as submitted in Hon'ble Supreme Court and to SASB; but for Yatra 2017, interested Yatris should be encouraged and facilitated to use air/land route via Leh- Kargil- Drass- Baltal to Holy Cave. This route involves least additional facilities and pilgrims can even start early morning from Drass and return to Drass in the evening after having Darshans provided traffic management at Jozilla Pass is undertaken professionally. I suggest opening up of current Yatra registration counters at Kargil and Drass for facilitating the intending Yatris. This will also help increase tourism in Kargil & Drass.
3. Perfectly designed Disaster Management and Evacuation Plans to handle Yatris with least inconvenience should be prepared in advance keeping in view the possible threats of man made/ natural obstructions in Yatra.

4. Service tax on helicopter services and other levies on pilgrims in J&K should be immediately withdrawn as it is being seen as Jazia by Hindu devotees visiting J&K for pilgrimage purposes.
5. Heavy traffic congestion is experienced every year on national highway and other Yatra routes during Yatra period. It is suggested that a comprehensive traffic management plan keeping in view the utilization of Srinagar Jammu road via Bafliaz and Rajouri in order to keep smooth movement of traffic during Yatra period.
6. Vehicles carrying pilgrims bound for Shri Anmarnathji Yatra should be exempted from road tax and other taxes enroute as a goodwill gesture from State Government. It will help restore the declining Yatra numbers.

Thanking you and hoping for an earliest resolution of above cited suggestions in view of Yatra 2017.

Yours,

In services of Bhole Nath,



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