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To

All Langar Organizations/ NGOs
(which have been establishing Langars in the Yatra area)

No.

Date:

Subject: Inviting offer to render free Langar Service during Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2013.

Sir,

On behalf of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), we thank the Langar Organisations LOs once again for providing Langar Service during Yatra 2012, which concluded on 2nd August, 2012.

2. As all LOs/ NGOs would be aware, Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its Judgment dated 13th December, 2012 has directed that all concerned officials/ stakeholders should timely implement the recommendations of the Special High Powered Committee [constituted by the Apex Court in Writ Petition (Civil) 284/ 2012 titled 'Court on its Own Motion Vs Union of India and Others'].

3. Regarding Langar Organisations (LOs), the SHPC has recommended that:

- i) A Committee comprising CEO, SASB (Convenor), one High Altitude Medicine Specialist (to be nominated by the Union Health Ministry) and one Medical Specialist (to be nominated by the State Health Department) should prepare an appropriate food menu which must be adhered to by all the LOs. All other food items/ junk food should be banned and not allowed to be served on the Yatra route.
- ii) The SASB should suitably revise the existing Terms and Conditions of the permissions given to LOs, to ensure that no plastic material is used for serving food and beverages to the Yatris. There should be adequate monitoring of the implementation of these conditions and all cases of non-adherence must be penalised severely.
- iii) SASB should progressively arrange facilities for drinking water filters being set up at Camps and Langar sites to discourage the use of plastic water bottles in the Yatra area.

- iv) All biological waste should be disposed off in composite pits, which should be built in the Langar areas. The LOs must be made fully responsible for ensuring the segregation and safe disposal of wastes. SASB should establish a suitable monitoring mechanism in this regard. The Terms and Conditions of the permission given to the LOs must be revised to include the aforesaid conditions as also a provision for the imposition of stringent penalties in the case of any default.
- v) It must be ensured that after the dismantling of Yatra Camps and Langars, consequent to the conclusion of the Yatra, all solid waste is collected and properly disposed off by the relevant authorities. CEO, SASB, should in consultation with SPCB, put in place an appropriate monitoring mechanism in this regard.

4. National Disaster Management Authority (pursuant to the two Table Top exercises conducted by them at Baltal and Pahalgam on 16th and 17th July, 2012) has suggested that the *bhandara centers* should have fire fighting extinguishers, with them, for immediate use, if required. In addition, IGP, Kashmir has suggested that each LO should obtain NoC from Fire & Emergency Department to effect that it has taken adequate measures to ensure preparedness for fire safety.

5. In accordance with the directions of the Apex Court, the Expert Committee has since prepared an appropriate Food Menu for the LOs to adhere to while serving food to the Shri Amarnathji Yatris. The said Food Menu is attached with enclosed Terms and Conditions for setting up Langars in the Yatra area, for Yatra 2013.

6. With a view to enforcing the aforesaid directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court and other suggestions aforementioned, we have accordingly revised the Terms and Conditions (**please particularly refer clause 2, 14, 24, & 25**) for setting up Langars. These revisions have been underlined in the enclosed Terms and Conditions.

7. It may also be noted that, to ensure the compliance to the aforesaid directions of the Apex Court, we have revised the penalty clause of the Terms and Conditions to provide for the imposition of stringent penalties in the case of any default. If the LO violates the Terms and Conditions, particularly clause 2, 14, 24 & 25 of the Terms and Conditions, CEO, SASB may forfeit the Security Deposit of Rs 10,000, and/ or impose a fine of Rs 5,000 for each instance of violation. In case the LO repeats the violation, CEO, SASB may impose a higher fine of Rs 20,000 for each instance of violation and/ or order closure of the Langar forthwith and also blacklist the Langar for at least next three Yatras.

8. To enable us to timely issue the Permission Letters to the eligible LOs, for setting up Langars in the Yatra area for Yatra 2013, we would request all the LOs/ NGOs to send the following information/ documents at the address mentioned at the top of first page:

- i) Name, full address and contact details of the Head of the Langar Organization.
- ii) A copy of Terms and Conditions for setting up the Langar, duly signed and accepted by the authorized representative of the LO.
- iii) Registration Number of the Organisation/ Society which intends to run the Langar, with a photocopy of the Registration Certificate, clearly showing the Date of Registration.
- iv) Objectives of the Organization as per its Bye-laws/ Memorandum of Association, alongwith a copy thereof.
- v) Location(s) at which the Society/ Organization set up Langars during Yatra 2010, Yatra 2011, and Yatra 2012.
- vi) Details of items of food served to Yatris during Yatra 2012.
- vii) Approximate number of Yatris served free food every day during Yatra 2012.
- viii) Actual period (with dates) during which the Langar Service was made available at _____Camp (name of Camp be given) to the Yatris during Yatra 2012 and whether necessary clearance was obtained from the Camp Director(s) of the Camp(s) before closing the Langar Services.
- ix) The LO/ NGO has obtained the No Objection Certificate from the concerned Camp Director before leaving the Camp during 2012 Yatra.

9. The LO/ NGO is further requested to deposit an amount of Rs. 10,000 (Rs. Ten thousand only) in the form of an Account Payee Demand Draft in favour of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, which shall be refunded in case of non-imposition of any penalty (In case, the LO/ NGO has not taken refund after 2012 Yatra, this amount is not required to be deposited).

10. If we decide to issue a Permission Letter in favour of the Applicant-LO the LO/ NGO will be timely informed so that it has adequate time to initiate action to enroll donors, receive donations, procure materials, etc for Langar.

11. Please ensure that the response, along with a copy of Terms and Conditions for setting up the Langar, duly signed and accepted by the authorized representative of the LO/ NGO, reaches us by 25th February 2013, latest.

**Encl: Terms and Conditions
(along with prescribed Food Menu).**

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Addl. Chief Executive Officer