



Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries

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To,
Shri. Uddhav Thackeray
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Maharashtra

Sub: - SOP of Amusement Park & Indoor Amusement Centre – To consider Re-opening in Phase II (Unlock – 2) under social Infrastructure

Respected Chief Minister,

Kindly accept warm greetings from Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries (IAAPI)!!!

We greatly appreciate and acknowledge the humongous efforts taken by the Government to control the pandemic and now to unlock the lockdown in a phased manner with controlled SOP. The entire amusement industry is with you under these circumstances.

Dear Sir, through our letter dated 3rd June, 2020 we had tried to convey that the present lockdown has been difficult for every Indian citizen. The mental health of the population is severely affected and the stress levels need to be lowered. In this situation its essential to de - stress the population by active outdoor / indoor activities giving holistic recreation. Amusement Park, Theme Park will play a pivotal role as it is spread across large areas of open land surrounded with lots of plantations and landscaping emphasizing on recreation. It is designed having safer distance between the rides and attractions which will serve as a blessing post Covid-19 in maintaining social distancing.

Social distancing will also be followed in Indoor Amusement Centres which includes single seater Arcade Games, Virtual Reality, indoor Snow Parks, Aquarium, Boot Bangla, Mirror Maze, Kids Soft Play Stations and more will also follow all the norms.

I am pleased to inform you that IAAPI has prepared SOP under guidance of professional from medical fraternity following proper methodology and process towards safety of guest and employees. Attached is the document **“IAAPI Recommended Guidance for Reopening of Amusement Parks in India”** for your kind perusal.

Amusement Parks, Theme Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres are safer options and hold lesser risks as following precautions will be taken by park authorities as per directives given by health ministry and local administration towards: -

- Controlled pre-booked admissions / proper use of ticketing system to ensure social distancing
- Screenings & temperature check of all visitors to the park including its employees at entry
- Sanitization & disinfection of surfaces repeatedly through a properly guided process.
- Social distancing on ride seating.
- Controlled F&B activities as per FSSI norms
- Keeping visitors in open areas and not to allow entry in confined spaces.

During Phase I re-opening (unlock - 1) temples, hospitality services, shopping malls were allowed to open, based on the above factors it is our humble request to also consider opening of amusement parks and indoor amusement centre (entertainment parks) in the Phase II re-opening (Unlock -2) under SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE. Amusement parks will follow the guidelines and directive given by Health Department and local administration taking utmost care and safety of staff and guests.

Requesting you to kindly consider and oblige our request in opening of Amusement Parks (Entertainment Parks) with immediately effect as the industry provides employment to over 80000 employees. IAAPI has already formulated the SOP with proper social distancing norms and taking precautionary safety measures for guests and employees.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman - IAAPI

cc:
Shri. Sanjay Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra.
Smt. Valsa Nair Singh, Principal Secretary - Tourism & Cultural Affairs (Additional Charge), Government of Maharashtra.