



# **Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries**

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To,  
**Shri. Amit Shah**  
**Hon'ble Union Minister for Home Affairs**  
**Government of India**

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**Sub:- Re-Opening of Amusement and Entertainment Parks in the new Unlock guidelines, beginning 1st October,2020.**

**Hon'ble Minister Sir,**

Kindly accept warm greetings from Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries (IAAPI), a National Apex body of Amusement, Theme Entertainment Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres of the Country.

This is further to our letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 to your good office, followed by our interaction on 'Revival of Tourism Sector Post COVID 'with Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), Ministry for Tourism, Government of India on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

**In the same context, IAAPI again requests the Home Ministry through your goodself to allow reopening of the Amusement Park and Entertainment Parks in the forthcoming Unlock-5 guidelines of the Ministry to be effective from 1st October. As we very well understand the Government's concern about small children visiting the Amusement Parks at this point of time, IAAPI requests you to kindly allow reopening of these Parks with a rider /condition that these Parks will be allowed only for visitors above 14 or 15 years of age.**

IAAPI has also prepared SOPs under guidance of professionals from the medical fraternity following proper methodology and process towards safety of guests and employees and we assure that the Amusement Industry will strictly follow all the guidelines and SOPs set by the Government and Local administration.

Today, the Government has reopened many other sectors and activities such as Hotel, Resorts, Malls, Gymnasiums, Religious Places, Metros and Museums. Government has also allowed social, academic, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious and political functions and congregations wef 21st September as also open air theatres from the same date, in non-containment zones.

Over the last 6 months, industry has seen job losses, salary reductions, closure of many businesses related to the amusement sector and smaller players might not be able to open back post pandemic. The amusement industry is a very high CAPEX industry employing a large number of people. It is an integral part of India's social infrastructure and tourism industry. Reopening of the amusement industry which is still in its nascent stage needs the support of the Government now more than ever to tide over this crisis.

We therefore humbly request your goodself once again, to kindly consider reopening of Amusement and Entertainment Parks wef 1st October 2020, and in initial phase, with the restriction on visit of children upto 14 or 15 years of age as stated above.

**Today, we need your personal and immediate support to bring this small but important industry back on its feet.**

IAAPI is also submitting the copy of representation for reopening of amusement park to Secretary Home, Government of India.

In anticipation of an affirmative response for the benefit of the entire amusement industry.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman - IAAPI