



Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries

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To,
Shri. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Delhi

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Sub:- Request for Reopening of Amusement & Water Parks (Entertainment Parks) in Delhi

Respected Chief Secretary Sir,

Namaskar and warm greetings from IAAPI !!!

This is further to our letter dated 23rd January, 2021 to your good office and to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tourism Minister and Tourism Secretary requesting for reopening of Entertainment Parks in Delhi.

Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries (IAAPI), a National Apex body of Amusement, Theme, Water Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres of the Country. IAAPI is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in development of tourism sector. Founded in 1999, IAAPI is India's premier business association having 461 members from private sector, including small and medium enterprises and comprising park operators and equipment manufacturers.

In this regard, I wish to apprise your good self that in the State of Delhi, the Amusement Parks, Theme Parks, Water Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres have still not been allowed by the State Government to be reopened, even when majority of States in the country have allowed their reopening from 15th October 2020, subsequent to the Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) dated 30th September, 2020. The States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand have reopened the Parks long back and Maharashtra, which was one of the worst affected States during pandemic, has also allowed reopening of amusement parks from 23rd December, 2020.

Over last one year, a large number of people employed in the amusement industry have lost their jobs and there has also been closure of many businesses related to amusement industry. In this context, Indian Association of Amusement Parks & Industries (IAAPI), earnestly requests you to support our Industry by kindly allowing reopening the Parks in the State of Delhi at the earliest.

Today in Delhi, Schools, Religious places of worship and all major sectors such as Hotel, Bar & Night Clubs, Resorts, Malls, & Gymnasiums have been allowed to open following Unlock-5 guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on 30th September, 2020. We wish to bring to your kind attention that under the same guidelines of MHA, Entertainment Parks, which include Amusement Parks, Theme Parks, Water Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres, were also allowed by Govt of India, to re-open from 15 October, 2020.

Delhi has more than 10 Amusement Parks, Water Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres (IAC) which operate out of malls and shopping centres across Delhi, generating approx. 10000 direct and 50000 indirect jobs. We therefore once again request you to kindly extend your kind support to us, for survival of our industry, which is integral part of Delhi's Tourism industry, by allowing reopening of the amusement parks at the earliest

I request your good office to kindly give time to IAAPI office bearers, Mr Ajay Sarin – Chairman, along with key industry members of our association for a meeting either personally or virtually to apprise you on the situation of amusement industry in Delhi on date and time convenient to you.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Ajay Sarin
Chairman – IAAPI

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