KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA - 2009

The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs from end of May/early June to September 2009. The Yatra is open to all **Indian** citizens above 18 years of age who wish to proceed to Kailash-Manasarovar for religious purposes.

2. The duration of the Yatra will be 26 days. In addition, Yatris will need to spend 4 days in New Delhi to obtain visas, undergo a comprehensive medical examination and complete financial formalities.

3. In 2009 it is planned to send sixteen batches each consisting of a maximum of 60 pilgrims. The first batch is expected to depart from New Delhi in the last week of May/first week of June 2009. The Yatra is expected to continue till the end of September 2009. The last batch is expected to depart in end of August/beginning of September 2009. Batch schedules are as follows : **Batch 1** : 29th May – 26th June, **Batch 2** : 4th June - 02nd July, **Batch 3** : 10th June - 8th July, **Batch 4** : 16th June -14th July, **Batch 5** : 22nd June – 20th July, **Batch 6** : 28th June – 26th July, **Batch 7** : 04th July – 1st August, **Batch 8** : 10th July – 7th August, **Batch 9** : 16th July – 13th August, **Batch 10** : 22nd July – 19th August, **Batch 11** : 28th July – 25th August, **Batch 12** : 03rd August – 31st August, **Batch 13** : 9th August – 6th September, **Batch 14 :** 14th August – 12th September, **Batch 15** : 21st August – 18th September, **Batch 16** : 27th August – 24th September 2009.

4. Applicants should ensure that they possess an **ORDINARY INDIAN PASSPORT valid for more than six months**.

5. The total cost of the Yatra will include the following:

(a) Rs. 20,000/- (inclusive of Service Tax) to be paid to Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN), out of which Rs. 5,000/- is to be paid as a **non-refundable deposit** when confirming participation in the Yatra, and the balance amount on arrival in Delhi to begin the Yatra.

(b) Rs. 2,150/- to be paid to Delhi Heart and Lung Institute to cover costs of medical examination / tests at Delhi. In case the applicant is required by the medical authorities to undergo a further Pulmonary Function Test (PFT), an additional Rs. 500/- would be charged for that particular test from the concerned Yatri only. In case the applicant is required to undergo a Stress Echo Test, an additional Rs. 2,500/- would be charged for that particular test from the yatri concerned. These charges are **non-refundable** even if the applicant is not able to undertake the Yatra eventually due to disqualification on medical grounds.

(c) US$ 700/- to be paid to the Chinese side.

(d) Expenditure on adequate equipment, clothing, food stores, porters, baggage, ponies and other items required for the Yatra.

6. Yatra is extremely arduous (more so than the Vaishnodevi / Amarnath routes), involves trekking at high altitudes upto 19,500 feet, under inhospitable conditions including extreme cold and rugged terrain and may prove hazardous for those who are not physically or medically fit. The Indian Mountaineering Foundation has recognised the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra as a trekking expedition. There is a considerable element of risk to life and property.

7. Please note that Government shall not be responsible in any manner for any loss of life or injury to the person, or any loss or damage to the property of the Yatris due to any natural calamity or due to any other reason. Pilgrims undertake the Yatra at their own volition, cost, risk and consequences. KMVN also provides insurance against accident during the Yatra for each Yatri through United India Insurance Company Ltd. for an amount of Rs. Five lakhs. Government shall not have any obligation to bring the mortal remains across the border for cremation in the Indian side, in case of death on the Chinese side. All yatris are, therefore, required to sign a Consent Form for cremation of mortal remains on the Chinese side in case of death.

8. Applicants should be physically healthy, medically fit and should not suffer from conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, epilepsy, etc. All applicants should have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 27 or less to be eligible for the yatra. All selected applicants are required to undergo a comprehensive medical examination conducted by DHLI/ITBP in New Delhi. **Applicants found medically unfit will not be allowed to proceed on the Yatra, and will forfeit the non-refundable deposit paid to KMVN and the amount paid for medical examination. Please note that no other medical certificates or test reports will be accepted.** A list of tests included in the medical examination is given at Annex-A of this circular for reference.

9. A second medical test to ascertain reactions to altitude trekking will be done by ITBP at Gunji, after 6 days of the Yatra, at a height of 3500 metres. Those Yatris who are found medically unfit here will not be permitted to continue the Yatra. The finding and the recommendations of the ITBP medical personnel both in Delhi and Gunji will be final and binding. In the eventuality of a Yatri being disqualified on medical grounds at Gunji, **it will not be possible to refund the charges levied by KMVN.**

10. Complete applications in the prescribed format given below should be sent to **Under Secretary(EA), Room No. 255-A, South Block, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi-110011 latest by Friday, March 20, 2009.** For acknowledgement of receipt, please attach a self-addressed post card with the application.

11. The selection of Yatris will be done by Ministry of External Affairs through a computer-generated random gender-balanced selection process. Selected persons will be informed telegraphically about their inclusion in a particular batch 3-4 weeks before their scheduled departure. Spouses will be automatically selected (provided this fact is clearly indicated in the relevant column of the application form) subject to clearing the medical test. Selected applicants will be required to confirm their participation in a particular batch by sending a **non-refundable** demand draft of Rs. 5,000/- in favour of KMVN to Ministry of External Affairs by a specific deadline.

12. The following conditions may please be noted carefully:-

- It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that applications contain accurate information and that they are complete in every detail including date of birth.
- Incomplete applications will be rejected.
- Wrong information in the application form will be grounds for disqualification, even after selection has been confirmed /Yatra has begun. Total deposit paid to KMVN will be forfeited.
- After receiving the telegram announcing the preliminary selection, confirmation that the selected Yatri can travel, should be received in this Ministry before the stated deadline, otherwise it will be presumed that the selected Yatri cannot travel, and he or she will be replaced from the stand-by list.
- Failure to pass the medical examination at Delhi and in Gunji will be grounds for disqualification. Medical certificates issued by any source other than the ITBP doctors at Delhi and Gunji will not be accepted.
- If a Yatri is disqualified on medical grounds at Delhi, he or she will forfeit the non-refundable deposit paid to KMVN. If a Yatri is disqualified on medical grounds at Gunji, he/she will forfeit the total amount paid as Yatra fees to KMVN.
- The Yatra groups will leave on the scheduled dates even if replacements called from the standby lists to fill any vacancy that may arise, is unable to join the group in time.

13 Without prejudice to the foregoing, all claims, disputes, differences shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Courts in New Delhi only.

ANNEX-A

Tests included in ITBP conducted medical examination are as follows:

1. Hb.
2. TLC
3. DLC
4. ESR
5. BLOOD SUGAR (F & PP)
6. BLOOD UREA
7. CREATININE
8. SERUM BILURUBIN
9. BLOOD GROUP WITH Rh typing
10. LIPID PROFILE
11. URINE RE
12. CHEST X-RAY
13. TMT
14. E.C.G.
15. PULMONARY FUNCTION TEST (PFT)[if recommended by doctor]
16. STRESS-ECHO-TEST (if recommended by doctor)

FORMAT FOR APPLYING FOR KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA-2009
(TO BE FILLED IN HINDI OR ENGLISH ONLY)

NAME (AS IN INDIAN PASSPORT) :

Please provide two recent passport size photographs one to be affixed here

FATHER'S/HUSBAND'S NAME :

DATE OF BIRTH :

RELIGION :

PROFESSION :

SEX: MALE/FEMALE

DETAILS OF INDIAN PASSPORT

PASSPORT NO. :
DATE OF ISSUE :
PLACE OF ISSUE
DATE OF EXPIRY :
(Please enclose copy of personal particulars page of your passport.)

FULL ADDRESS OF APPLICANT :

STATE :

PIN CODE :

TELEPHONE/MOBILE NO (WITH STD CODE) :
FAX NO (WITH STD CODE), IF ANY :
E-MAIL, IF ANY :

NAME, ADDRESS TEL. NO.AND/OR FAX NO./E-MAIL OF NEXT OF KIN TO BE INFORMED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY :

EXPERIENCE OF HIGH ALTITUDE TREKKING :

ANY FIRST AID EXPERIENCE/ MEDICAL EXPERIENCE :

HAVE YOU BEEN ON KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA BEFORE AS A LIAISON OFFICER OR A YATRI (IF YES, INDICATE THE YEAR, NAME UNDER WHICH TRAVELLED AND PASSPORT NO). :

IS YOUR SPOUSE ALSO APPLYING FOR THE YATRA? IF YES, HIS/HER NAME :

DECLARATIONS:

1. I understand that Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is a high altitude trekking expedition under inhospitable conditions, which may involve serious risk to the person or property of the Yatris. I am undertaking the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra at my own volition, cost, risk and consequences.

2. I understand that my application will be rejected and not processed if any column is not filled in or if it is incomplete in any other respect.

3. I understand that if I have given wrong information in my application, this will be grounds for disqualification from the Yatra and for forfeiture of non-refundable deposit paid to Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN).

4. I understand that the decision of the ITBP medical authorities either in Delhi or in Gunji is final and cannot be challenged, that in the event of my being disqualified on medical grounds by the competent medical authorities in Delhi, I will forfeit the non-refundable deposit paid to KMVN, and that in the event of my being disqualified on medical grounds by the competent medical authorities at Gunji, I will forfeit the entire amount paid to KMVN as Yatra charges and I shall not claim any refund thereof.

5. I undertake that I will bear full responsibility for expenses on emergency medical treatment as well as emergency air evacuation, if the need arises during the Yatra.

6. I understand that the decisions taken by the Liaison Officer to maintain security and discipline during the yatra will be final and binding including any decision to repatriate any yatri. In such circumstances I will forfeit the entire amount paid to KMVN as yatra charges and I shall not claim any refund thereof.

7. I further undertake that in any circumstances after confirming my participation, if I am unable to proceed on yatra or to complete the yatra for any reason, my entire deposit will be forfeited with no possibility of refund.

DATE : SIGNATURE

PLACE :

* For acknowledgement please attach a self-addressed post card.

** Applications should **reach Under Secretary (EA), Room No. 255-A, South Block, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi-110011 latest by Friday, March 20, 2009**.

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Batch No.

Remarks: