



Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries

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To,
Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar,
Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge),
Ministry of Labour & Employment,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sub:- Impact on Amusement Industry due to Covid-19 - Request to pay wages of Employees by ESIC

Hon'ble Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar,

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

Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries (IAAPI) is an apex body representing the interests of Amusement Parks, Theme Parks, Water Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres in India. IAAPI is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in development of this sector. Founded in 1999, IAAPI is India's premier business association having 461 members from the private sectors including small and medium enterprises consisting of park operators and equipment manufacturers. IAAPI works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of Amusement sector in India, partnering industry, Government, and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

Dear Sir, we wish to inform you that as per the advisory issued by Shri Heeralal Samariya, IAS, Secretary – Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, we have requested all our members not to terminate employees and to pay the wages and salaries of permanent and contractual labours without any deductions for the month of March, 2020.

Amusement industry will continue to follow the advisory during lockdown period and even if it gets extended further. After lockdown the amusement industry will be further impacted since families will avoid going to crowded place and travel will be restricted as our industry attract kids, youth and family in large numbers. The industry has lost its biggest peak season which will be followed by off season of another six months.

Amusement Industry which comprises of Amusement Parks, Theme Parks, Water Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres is highly capital intensive, seasonal as it operates mainly from mid-March – July due to climatic reasons, high operational & manpower costs considering safety and security of visitors, employs approx. 80,000 employees.

Our Prayer to Honourable Minister, on behalf of the amusement fraternity given the current situation is:

- In order to take care of the financial burden, we request your ministry to kindly direct the Employee State Insurance Corporation to pay the entire wages of the employees of those units that are covered under ESI for the period our country is under lock down. As COVID-19 has caused a medical disaster ESI is very well justified in meeting this commitment of employees.

Dear Sir, the amusement industry which is an integral part of Indian tourism industry is still in its nascent stage and in the prevailing turbulent environment, it needs the support of the Government now more than ever to tide over the crisis of COVID - 19 and retain employment.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman - IAAPI

cc:

Shri Heeralal Samariya, Secretary - Labour & Employment, Government of India