



Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries

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To,
Shri Naveen Patnaik
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Odisha

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Sub: - Phased Re opening (Unlock – 1 from 8th June 2020) - Request to consider Amusement Parks as Social Infrastructure

Respected Chief Minister,

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

Requesting your good office to kindly refer to our letter dated 3rd May, 2020.

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 May, 2020 we had tried to convey that the present lockdown has been difficult for every Indian citizen. The depressing news and restriction on movement has created an enormous amount of stress and anxiety. 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 and 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.

Amusement Parks, Theme Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres are safer options and hold lesser risks as following precautions will be taken by park authorities under guidance of 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.

After considering the above factors it is our humble request to kindly consider opening of amusement parks and indoor amusement centre in the Phased Re opening (Unlock -1 from 8th June, 2020) as SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE. We would request you to kindly advice on the SOP as per Health Department perspective that needs to be followed. The amusement industry has also prepared park operating SOP following proper methodology and process to safety of Guests and Employees.

Requesting you to kindly consider our request and oblige so that Amusement Industry can at least take benefit of last few days of the summer season as it employees over 80000 employees.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman – IAAPI

cc:
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