



Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries

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To,
Shri. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
Home Secretary
Government of India

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

Respected Secretary 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.

The travel and tourism industry of India is highly thankful to your good self to restart Aviation, Railways and Road transport and many tourism- promoting activities by re-opening religious places and places of worship , shopping, hotels, restaurants & other hospitality services vide Unlock-1 and Unlock-2 guidelines, with certain capacity limits and standard health - safety protocols.

The 'Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock-2)' issued under notification No – 40-3/2020 – DM-1 (A) dated 29th June, 2020 by Ministry of Home Affairs, however did not however permit Amusement Park, Theme Park, Indoor Amusement Centre (Entertainment Parks) and similar places to re-open till 31ST July 2020.

In this context, we wish to inform your good self that during the lock down period, we have re-designed our outdoor and indoor Amusement Parks in accordance with health and safety protocol and guidelines that have been issued by Government for Hospitality services, Malls, Restaurants and open market places namely, restricting congregation of crowd in the park by regulating number of visitors, keeping safe social distance of 6 feet between visitors, sanitizing the area between rides and other health protocols outlined in the SOPs. Social distancing norms will also be followed in Indoor Amusement Centres .

We wish to assure your good self that Amusement Parks, Theme Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres (Entertainment Parks) will no longer be unsafe as we shall very strictly follow the SOPs, guidelines and directives given by health ministry and local administration in our Parks namely:

→ 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.

In this regard, IAAPI has also prepared SOP and Guidelines for Amusement and Entertainment Parks, under guidance of professional from medical fraternity following proper methodology and process towards safety of guests and employees. We have attached a copy of this document "**IAAPI Recommended Guidance for Reopening of Amusement Parks in India**" for your kind perusal.

We wish to also inform your good self, that opening of Amusement Park, Theme Park will play a pivotal role to de - stress the population by active outdoor activities giving holistic recreation as the outdoor Parks are spread across large areas of open land surrounded with lots of plantations and landscaping, suitable for better social distancing management.

In view of our humble submissions made above, we request your good self to kindly consider to allow re-opening of **Amusement Park, Theme Park and Indoor Amusement Centre – IAC (Entertainment Park)** in the New Unlock Guidelines to be issued by the Ministry, for the period beyond 31st July 2020 in areas outside the containment zones. We sincerely hope that your good self will consider our request, in the interest of Indian Amusement industry and its 80000 employees and in the interest of accelerating domestic tourism in the country.

Yours sincerely,

Ajay Sarin
Chairman – IAAPI