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To,  
**Shri. Sanjay Kumar**  
**Chief Secretary**  
**Government of Maharashtra**

**Sub: - Request for Re-opening of Amusement and Entertainment Parks in the State from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2020.**

**Respected Chief 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 Centre's of the Country.

The travel and tourism industry of the State is highly thankful to the State Government, to facilitate beginning of Air and Rail services, commence Inter-State Road transport, restart local transport services and re-open many tourism-promoting destinations and activities including religious places, shopping, hotels, restaurants & other hospitality services subsequent to Unlock-1 and Unlock-2 guidelines issued by Government of India, with some riders, related to capacity limits and standard health -safety protocols.

As you are kindly aware, the 'Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock-2)' issued under notification No – 40-3/2020 – DM-1 (A) dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 by Ministry of Home Affairs, did not permit Amusement Park, Theme Park, Indoor Amusement Centre – IAC (Entertainment Parks) and similar places to re-open till 31<sup>ST</sup> July 2020. In this context, IAAPI has made a formal request to Home Ministry, Health Ministry and Tourism Ministry, Government of India, a few days back, to consider to allow re-opening of Amusement Parks, Theme Parks and Indoor Amusement Centre's in the New Unlock Guidelines to be issued by the Home Ministry, for the period beyond 31<sup>ST</sup> July, in areas outside the containment zones

We wish to bring to your kind notice that during the lock down period, the industry has re-designed outdoor and indoor Amusement Parks in accordance with health-safety protocol and guidelines that have been issued by Government of India and State Government for Tourism destinations, Hospitality services, Malls, Restaurants and open market places. We have taken adequate measures to ensure restriction of crowds in the park by regulating number of visitors, keeping safe physical distance of 6 feet between visitors, sanitizing the area between rides and other health protocols outlined in the Govt SOPs.

We wish to assure your good self that Amusement Parks, Theme Parks and Indoor Amusement Centre's will no longer be unsafe as we shall very strictly follow the SOPs, guidelines and directives given by Government of India, State Government 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.



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Needless to mention, the opening of Amusement Parks and Theme Parks 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 include re-opening of **Amusement Parks, Theme Parks and Indoor Amusement Centre's - (Entertainment Park)** with necessary riders (whatever the State Government deems fit in the recommendations) that the State Government may be submitting to Government of India for the New Unlock Guidelines to be issued by the Home Ministry, for the period beyond 31<sup>st</sup> July .

We sincerely hope that your good self will consider our request, in the interest of Amusement industry of your State and its large number of employees. It is noteworthy that re-opening of Amusement Industry will help the State to accelerate its domestic tourism and will add to the economic growth of the State.

Yours sincerely,

Ajay Sarin  
Chairman - IAAPI