

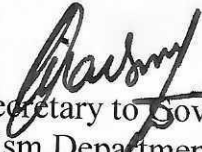
**GOVERNMENT OF J&K  
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM  
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU & KASHMIR**

**Public Notice:**

As per the provisions of Section 6(2) of The Jammu and Kashmir Aerial Ropeways Act, 2002 read with Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Re-organization (Adaptation of State Laws) Fifth Order, 2020 NO: SO, 3808(E) dated 26-10-2020, draft notification for inviting objections (enclosed as “Annexure A”) alongwith draft Govt. order for granting permission (enclosed as “Annexure B”) is hereby put into public domain for public information. Stakeholders and the general public may submit their objections or suggestions regarding the proposed permission to allow construction of Ropeway at Katra from Tarakote to Sanjichhat for the pilgrims of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine within 15 days from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Objections/suggestions with regard to the proposed permission be submitted in writing to the Administrative Secretary to Government Department of Tourism, Civil Secretariat, Jammu or via email at [tourismhall@gmail.com](mailto:tourismhall@gmail.com)

The copy of the public notice and the annexures is available on the official website of the Tourism Department with the url: [jandktourism.jk.gov.in](http://jandktourism.jk.gov.in)

  
Deputy Secretary to Govt,  
Tourism Department.

## **“Annexure A”**

### **DRAFT NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, an application has been received from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) through the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for grant of permission under Aerial Ropeways Act, 2002 for the Construction of Passenger Ropeway at katra from Tarakote to Sanjichhat.

Whereas, it has been submitted that the project has been conceived to facilitate elderly, specially-abled, medically unfit and such other pilgrims visiting the holy shrine. The entire land falling under the alignment of the proposed project including terminal stations and corridor belongs to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

Whereas, the application has been endorsed by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu vide communication number 502/Mis/Gen./24/227 dated 20-05-2024 highlighting that Rs. 200 crore investment proposal shall boost the local economy by attracting more pilgrims and shall also expand the commercial activities in the region. Further, it has also been mentioned that the proposed ropeway project is environment friendly having low dust emissions.

Whereas, a Sub-Committee Constituted by the J&K Government vide Order No. 1276-GAD of 2018 dated 14.08.2018 has also directed for reduction in the number of mules ferrying pilgrims on the track to the Shrine, in the interest of environment preservation and preventing pollution of the holy Banganga river and it has been desired by the Government that the Board develops eco-friendly modes of transport like Battery operated vehicles / aerial Ropeways, Cable Cars, Elevators, Escalators etc. for the pilgrims in pursuance to the direction of the Hon'ble NGT.

Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board v/s Gauri Mulekhi in its Order dated 26-11-2018 has constituted a Centrally Empowered Committee to examine the issues of reduction in number of mules on the track and other allied matters. The committee in its report dated 12-07-2019 has recommended creation of a Passenger Ropeway from Katra to Adhkuwari with preferable extension upto Sanjichhat within a span of 4 years.

Whereas, M/s RITES Ltd, a PSU in Ministry of Railways, a leading sector expert in the field of ropeways, has been engaged as the Project Management Consultant by the Board and shall also serve as the Independent Engineer to oversee the construction and commissioning of the Ropeway project.

Whereas, the application clearly describes the 2.543 Km route to be followed for the proposed aerial ropeway supported by maps, plans, section, diagram and other related information pertaining to the project. The tender document has incorporated state of the art equipment and technology confirming to CEN standards with adequate Integrated Rescue System as a fool proof safety mechanism for the pilgrims.

Whereas, all the stakeholders of Katra and adjacent areas have been consulted by SMVDSB for the execution of the project via detailed interactions held from May, 2023 to

February, 2024 by a High-Level Committee constituted by Hon'ble Lt. Governor of J&K (Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB) comprising two members of the Board and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.

Whereas the suggestions and objections of various stakeholders have been considered by the High-Level Committee and accordingly a report was placed before the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in its 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 03-04-2024 chaired by Honorable Lt. Governor, J&K, wherein the same have been deliberated and subsequently, the project has been approved in consultation with the local stakeholders and District Administration, Reasi.

The details in respect of the terminal stations and the corridor of the passenger ropeway project at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Katra, District Reasi with the GPS coordinates are given below for the information of the general public.

**a) Coordinates of Ropeway Stations:**

S. No.	Arazi No	District	Village	Area (Sqm)	Latitude	Longitude	Purpose
1	791	Reasi	Parthal	7580	493297.8522	3651065.041	LTP
2	214	Reasi	Dhar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi	2000	494084.266	3653292.28	UTP

**b) Coordinates of Ropeway Towers:**

S. No	Tower	Arazi No (Khasra No.)	Village	District	Area (Sqm)	Chainage (m) / Altitude (m)	Latitude	Longitude
1	T1	791	Parthal	Reasi	256	21.39 / 908.93	493306.2383	3651088.791
2	T2	791	Parthal	Reasi	256	31.06 / 909.65	493309.4587	3651097.912
3	T3	791	Parthal	Reasi	256	41.02 / 912.46	493312.774	3651107.301
4	T4	791	Parthal	Reasi	256	149.12 / 976.5	493348.766	3651209.236
5	T5	791	Parthal	Reasi	256	318.28 / 1085.8	493405.0862	3651368.743
6	T6	978	Parthal	Reasi	256	557.79 / 1209.29	493484.8286	3651594.585
7	T7	978	Parthal	Reasi	256	564.73 / 1205.18	493487.1402	3651601.132
8	T8	978	Parthal	Reasi	256	568.88 / 1203.41	493488.5223	3651605.046
9	T9	975	Parthal	Reasi	256	1264.5 / 1351	493720.1252	3652260.98
10	T10	975	Parthal	Reasi	256	1273.17 / 1352.03	493723.0123	3652269.156
11	T11	215	Dhar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi	Reasi	256	1570 / 1428	493821.8397	3652549.05
12	T12	214	Dhar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi	Reasi	256	1916.27 / 1669.8	493937.1281	3652875.564
13	T13	214	Dhar Shri	Reasi	256	1925.98 /	493940.3625	3652884.724

			Mata Vaishno Devi			1671.95		
14	T14	214	Dhar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi	Reasi	256	2318.01 / 1859.08	494070.8853	3653254.384
15	T15	214	Dhar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi	Reasi	256	2325 / 1862.66	494073.2119	3653260.973
16	T16	214	Dhar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi	Reasi	256	2332.85 / 1864.01	494075.8254	3653268.375

**“Annexure B”**

**GOVERNMENT OF J&K  
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**Draft Government Order for Permission to construct Ropeway from Tarakote to Sanjhichatt.**

**Order No. TSM-SCCC/16/2023**

**Dated: -----**

**Reference: 1. Divisional Commissioner letter No. 502/Mis/Gen/24/227 dated 20/05/2024.**

**2. SMVD Letter No: SMVDSB/CEO/215-16 dated: 17/05/2024.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6 (1) of The Jammu and Kashmir Aerial Ropeways Act, 2002 read with Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Re-organisation (Adaptation of State Laws) Fifth Order, 2020 NO: SO 3808(E) dated 26-10-2020, and on the recommendation of the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir hereby grants permission to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) for the construction of an Aerial ropeway at Katra from Tarakote to Sanjhichhat. This permission is granted in consideration of the proposal submitted by SMVDSB to facilitate the pilgrimage to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine by providing an efficient and safe transportation system with following details:

**A. Project Details:**

- i. Starting Point: Tarakote LTP
- ii. Ending Point: Sanjhichhat UTP
- iii. Length of Ropeway: 2.543 km
- iv. Stations: 02 Stations i.e Tarakote LTP and Sanjhichhat UTP, with 16 towers along the corridor.
- v. Carrying Capacity: 1500 persons per hour
- vi. Type of Ropeway: monocable with CEN standards,
- vii. Estimated Project Cost: Rs 200 Cr.
- viii. **Mode of Execution - Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) Model:** The project will be executed under the BOOT model, where the contractor will Build, Own, Operate, and subsequently Transfer the ropeway to SMVDSB after a specified period.
- ix. **Contractor Selection:** SMVDSB shall engage a reputed and experienced contractor through a transparent bidding process, using the e-tendering mode to award the contract for project execution.
- x. **Ownership Period:** Shall be decided by SMVDSB through contract.
- xi. **Revenue Sharing:** Shall be decided between SMVDSB and the Contractors. During the operation period, a revenue-sharing agreement will be in place between SMVDSB and the contractor, details of which will be outlined in the contract.

## **Terms and Conditions:**

### **1. Time frames:**

- i. **Capital Raising:** The bidder must raise the capital required for the construction of the aerial ropeway within six months.
- ii. **Commencement of Construction:** The construction shall commence within nine months from the date of issuance of this order.
- iii. **Completion of Construction:** The construction shall be completed within 1035 days (two years and ten months) from the appointed date.

2. **Government Support:** The Government shall not be liable to give any concession, guarantee or financial assistance to SMVDSB.

3. **Right of Purchase:** After the expiry of the concession period, the Shrine Board will be the owner of the ropeway.

4. **Audit and Accounts:** The SMVDSB shall maintain detailed accounts of the project as per SMVD Shrine Act, 1988

5. **Arbitration:** Any disputes arising from this project shall be settled through arbitration according to the rules laid in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

6. **Technical Specifications:** The ropeway construction must adhere to the specified structural designs, quality of materials, safety factors and methods of computing stresses as outlined in the technical guidelines provided.

7. **Construction Over Public Ways:** The construction of the aerial ropeway over roads and other public ways of communication, excluding railways, must follow the prescribed rules. Prior sanction of the Central Government shall be taken, if required, for the construction over railways.

8. **Transfer of Rights:** After the expiry of the concession period, the Shrine Board will be the owner of the ropeway.

9. **Takeover Conditions:** The Government reserves the right to take over the aerial ropeway to be operated by SMVDSB or any other person, if deemed necessary.

10. **Motive Power:** The motive power to be used on the aerial ropeway shall be electric, subject to conditions on its use as specified by the relevant authorities.

11. **Minimum Headway:** As per specified norms, a minimum headway must be maintained under different parts of the rope.

12. **Bridges and Guards:** To ensure safety, bridges or guards must be constructed and maintained at specified points under the ropeway.

### **13. Traffic Regulations:**

- i. The ropeway is permitted to carry passengers and Material goods within the specified operational capacity.
- ii. The promoter/ operator shall not carry hazardous materials in the Ropeway.

### **14. Rates and Revisions:**

i. The rates shall be finalized by the Shrine Board at the time of operationalization of the Project.

ii. Revise the rates based on significant changes in operational costs, regulatory changes and annual economic reviews.

15. **Security Deposit:** A security deposit as specified in the tender document shall be deposited by the bidder with SMVDSB.

16. **Environmental and Safety Standards:**

i. The project shall adhere to all relevant environmental, safety, and regulatory standards as prescribed by the Government.

ii. Regular maintenance and safety checks of the ropeway system shall be conducted by the promoter.

17. **Disaster Management:** A comprehensive Disaster Management Plan must be in place to address potential emergencies.

18. **Cost Bearing:** The promoter shall bear all costs associated with the ropeway project's installation, operation and maintenance to be executed through BOOT model.

19. **Legal Jurisdiction:** Any legal disputes arising from the project implementation shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Hon'ble High Court at Jammu.

20. **Validity and Revocation:** This permission is valid for period of 1035 days subject to further extension of 181 days ( 6 months) days if the promoter applies with justified reasons.

21. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir reserves the right to revoke this permission in case of any violation of the stipulated terms and conditions or any other reason deemed appropriate.

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

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Commissioner Secretary,  
Tourism Department.