



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Reasi

ORDER

With a view to ensure services of Pithoos/ Ponywalas/Palkiwalas to pilgrims visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Katra in a smooth manner and to address various alleged issues like overcharging of rates etc., it is hereby ordered that:-

1. Henceforth the following rates shall be charged for the services rendered by Pithoos/ Ponywalas/Palkiwalas as per detail given below:-


S.No.	Journey Details	Hire charges of Pony/Pithoos/ Palki wallas for one side (in Rs.)
1.	PONIES	
	A- Katra to Bhawan	
i.	Adult pilgrim/yatri	700/-
ii.	Adult pilgrim+ child from 3 to 6 years	800/-
	B- Katra to Adh-Kumari or Adh-Kumari to Bhawan	
i.	Adult pilgrim/yatri	380/-
ii.	Adult pilgrim+ child from 3 to 6 years	430/-
	C- Katra to Sanjichatt	
i.	Adult pilgrim/yatri	600/-
ii.	Adult pilgrim+ child from 3 to 6 years	675/-
	D- Sanjichatt to Bhawan or Bhawan to Bhairon	
i.	Adult pilgrim/yatri	275/-
ii.	Adult pilgrim+ child from 3 to 6 years	300/-
	E- Bhawan to Katra via Bhairon	
i.	Adult pilgrim/yatri	850/-
ii.	Adult pilgrim+ child from 3 to 6 years	900/-
	F- Bhawan to Adh-Kumari via Bhairon	
i.	Adult pilgrim/yatri	425/-
ii.	Adult pilgrim+ child from 3 to 6 years	475/-
2.	PITHOO	
	A- Katra to Bhawan and Back to Katra	
i.	25 Kg. Luggage or Child 3 to 6 years	700/-
	B- Katra to Bhawan	
i.	25 Kg. Luggage or Child 3 to 6 years	350/-
	C- Bhawan to Katra via Bhairon	
i.	25 Kg. Luggage or Child 3 to 6 years	400/-
3.	PALKI	
	A- Katra to Bhawan and Back to Katra	
i.	Weight upto 100 Kg. (carried by 4 persons)	4000/-
ii.	Weight above 100 Kg. (carried by 6 persons)	4500/-
	B-Katra to Bhawan and Back to Katra via Bhairon	
i.	Weight upto 100 Kg. (carried by 4 persons)	4500/-
ii.	Weight above 100 Kg. (carried by 6 persons)	5000/-
	C-Sanji Chat Helipad to Bhawan	
i.	Weight upto 100 Kg. (carried by 4 persons)	1250/-
ii.	Weight above 100 Kg. (carried by 6 persons)	1400/-

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2. The rates of tax/commission charged from yatries by the Municipal Committee Katra will be 8% as against 12% charged earlier.
3. Police Department shall ensure that sufficient No. of CCTVs are installed on track from Katra to Bhawan to check any malpractice like involvement of middlemen in getting prepaid slips for yatries for hiring Pithoos/ Ponies/Palkies.
4. Necessary signboards shall be installed at prominent places from Katra to Bhawan to display the revised rates. Police/EO Municipal Committee shall ensure that yatries make the payment at the prepaid counters/check posts strictly as per notified rates for hiring Ponies, Pithoos and Palkiwalas and do not enter into any sort of bargaining/dealing with Pony/Pithoo/Palkiwalas
5. Police shall take stern action against the persons found acting as agent/middlemen collecting prepaid slips for providing such services to yatries.
6. Executive Officer Municipal Committee Katra shall ensure -
 - (I) That the following prepaid counters/check posts remain functional round the clock:-
 - (i) Prepaid counter/check post No. 1. near Darshni Deodi.
 - (ii) Prepaid counter/check post No. 2. at Banganga.
 - (iii) Prepaid counter/check post No. 3. at Charan Paduka.
 - (iv) Prepaid counter/check post No. 4 at Adhkuwari.
 - (v) Prepaid counter/check post No. 5. at Bhawan.
 - (II) That CCTV Cameras are installed at all the prepaid counters/check posts for monitoring all transactions/activities so that transparency is ensured and any sort of malpractice is checked.
 - (III) That all the prepaid counters/check posts are computerised and the information can be accessed on line any time by Commissioner Secretary H&UD Department, DC Office Reasi, Office of Additional CEO Shrine Board Katra, SP Office Katra or any other concerned authority through Computerised Webbased Access Control System.
 - (IV) That the Pithoos/ Ponywalas/Palkiwalas do not face any difficulty in getting cash against the prepaid cash slips produced for providing services to pilgrims.
 - (V) That the staff deployed on the prepaid counters/check posts is rotated after every 15 days.
7. A committee of the following officers is hereby constituted which shall supervise and monitor the effective implementation of the orders given above:-
 - (i) Assistant Director Tourism Katra
 - (ii) Naib Tehsildar Katra
 - (iii) Representative of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Katra.

- The Committee shall check/report the irregularities, noticed if any.
8. Anybody including Pithoos/ Ponywalas/Palkiwalas, if found indulging in overcharging or any sort of malpractice shall be dealt under section 144 RPC, for which separate order shall follow.
 9. Any lapse on the part of Police/Officials of Municipal Committee in implementation of the aforesaid orders shall be viewed seriously and stern action shall be taken against the defaulters/erring officials under rules.

The order shall have immediate effect.


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Deputy Commissioner,
Reasi.

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Copy to the:-

1. Director General of Police J&K Jammu for favour of information.
2. Chief Executive Officer Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Katra for information.

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3. Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. Housing and Urban Development Department for favour of information.
4. Divisional Commissioner Jammu for favour of information information.
5. Additional Chief Executive Officer SMVDS Board Katra for information and necessary action.
6. Director Urban Local Bodies Jammu for information and necessary action.
7. Sr. Superintendent of Police Reasi for information and necessary action.
8. Joint Director Information Department Jammu for circulation to print/electronic media for wide publicity.
9. Tehsildar Reasi for information and necessary action.
10. District Informatics Officer Reasi for uploading the order on the District Website
11. Assistant Director Tourism Katra for information and necessary action.
12. Naib Tehsildar Katra for information and necessary action.
13. Executive Officer Municipal Committee Katra for information and necessary action.
14. President Pithoos/ Ponywalas/Palkiwalas Union Katra for information.
15. Office order file/Notice Board.