



**BRIEF OF FACT-FINDING INQUIRY ORDER-ON THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT OF  
PAKISTANI HIGH ALTITUDE PORTER MR. MUHAMMAD HASSAN**

Explorer Web and other social, electronic and print media reported a tragic death incident of Mr. Muhammad Hassan a high-altitude porter (HAP) hailing from Tissar District Shigar who lost his life while assisting an expedition team at bottleneck portion of K2. Keeping in view the volatility of the unfortunate incident and hype created by national and international media, the Tourism Department notified a fact-finding inquiry committee to delve the tragic incident and submit a comprehensive report with findings and recommendations.

2. The fact-finding team proceeded to Shigar, conducted a thorough investigation of incident it was revealed that Mr. Hassan was part of an expedition team hired by a local tour operator M/S Lela's Peak Expeditions as a High Altitude Porter route makers/rope fixer with Sherpas. The tragic incident occurred on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 2:30 am at bottleneck at an altitude of 8200 meters, the most difficult portion of K2 which is known as the death zone. The route maker/rope fixing team started their journey from Camp-3 on 26<sup>th</sup> July, at 4:00 pm and reached at bottleneck at 10:00 pm and continued their work with the Sherpas. The investigation further unveils that on the night of summit they faced some avalanches below the bottleneck area which aggravated the situation. Considering the imminent danger, the expedition team became more cautious and decided to cross the bottleneck in minimum possible time. Some of the expedition members could not continue their summit and returned to base camp which created havoc and restlessness among the climber who already reached at bottleneck.

3. It appears from the pictorial evidences that the climbers who entered bottleneck owing to the havoc when saw Mr. Hassan injured and hanging on a rope made their way heading towards the summit and left the injured porter unattended. It was further reported that adverse weather conditions, including a sudden snowstorm and poor visibility, inexperience and inadequate high altitude wore by Mr. Hassan led to losing his way and becoming disoriented. However, from the deep examination of the facts, it revealed that humanity still persists and not faded away. Mr. Gabriel Tarso a mountaineer photographer tried their level best to save life of Mr. Hassan but due to ferocious weather coupled with altitude-related complications, they could not save his life. **(Statement of Mr. Gabriel Tarso is attached)**



4. It is imperative to bring the crux of findings and recommendation of fact-finding report before public to prevent recurrence of such incident in future and regulate the feebly regulated mountaineering and climbing sector of adventure tourism in Pakistan.

#### Findings:

- **Weather Conditions:** The media reports consistently highlight the sudden and severe snowstorm that struck the K2 region during the time of the incident. This unexpected weather change significantly affected visibility and made navigation difficult.
- **Communication:** It has been reported that the climbing team's communication equipment faced limitations due to the harsh conditions, hindering their ability to coordinate effectively and call for assistance.
- **Experience and Preparation:** While Mr. Hassan was inexperienced high altitude porter, in fact this was his first expedition on 8000 peak ever hired, the reports suggest that there might have been shortcomings in assessing his level of acclimatization and preparedness for extreme weather events.
- **High Altitude Kit:** He had neither sufficient and appropriate clothing kit nor understanding of impotence of high altitude clothing and gear.
- **Late Rescue Efforts:** He remained upside down for more than an hour due to darkness and weather conditions the sherpas could not help immediately. The Climbers noticed that late Hassan abdomen remained exposed in extreme cold temperature upside down concentration of his body fluid and blood caused his body faint restricted survivability.
- **Physical and Mental Excursion:** Late Hassan accident can be attributed to both mental and physical exhaustiveness or by rope jerk as more than one climber uses the same anchor point.

#### Recommendations of the Committee:

- **Improved Weather Monitoring:**  
Establish a comprehensive weather monitoring system specifically for high altitude areas, such as K2. This would enable climbers and porters to receive timely alerts about changing weather patterns and make them informed about the swiftly changing weather of high mountains.
- **Enhanced Communication Infrastructure:**  
Investment in advanced communication equipment is recommended that could withstand harsh conditions at high altitudes. This would enable climbers, porters, and rescue teams to stay connected even during adverse weather conditions.
- **Training and Acclimatization:**  
Develop standardized training programs for high altitude porters, focusing on navigation skills, emergency response, and acclimatization techniques. Regular health assessments of high-altitude porters and Sherpas should be conducted to ensure their readiness for extreme conditions.



- **Emergency Protocols:**  
Establish clear and well-defined emergency protocols that climbers and porters must follow in the event of sudden weather changes. This includes designated safe shelters and rendezvous points.
- **Fines and Accountability:**  
While the committee recognizes the unpredictable nature of high altitude expeditions and the challenges posed by adverse weather, there should be a thorough review of the expedition's planning and execution. If any negligence or lapses are found in terms of safety protocols, communication, or preparedness, the relevant parties should be held accountable.
- **Search & Rescue Mechanism:** A well-managed and swift rescue mechanism ensures that injured or stranded climbers can receive timely medical attention and assistance from trained professionals ultimately increasing the chances of survivals and minimize the losses of human life. A well-managed and swift rescue mechanism be ensured with highly trained human resource with sophisticated equipment and logistics as search and rescue.
- **Trekking/expedition rules to be revised:** For this purpose, legal and procedural revision and upgradation of mountaineering rules & regulation is essential, as it's governed under decades old document developed by the than federal ministry of tourism Islamabad, it is high time that with the consensus of all stakeholders, GB tourism to revive and upgrade the existing rules and regulations immediately.
- **Revision of TOR of Liaison Officer**  
The prevailing rules as far as Terms of References (ToR) of LO is concerned are quite insufficient. The responsibilities of LO should be more technical and careful. The prevailing Rules discuss more about his facilities rather his responsibilities. There should be detailed ToRs about his responsibilities in revised Mountaineering and Trekking Rules.
- **Insurance Policy for HAP:** The prevailing insurance mechanism for LAP and HAP is so poor and quite insufficient. To enlist the LAP and HAP for insurance is sole discretion and will of Tour Operator thereby, a very few tour operators are insuring their HAP. A new policy for ensuring all the LAPs and HAP during the expedition with maximum coverage is essential to benefit the LAPs and HAP in this connection the Tourism department Islamabad has already taken up the case which need to be processed.

- **Briefing & De Briefing:** Briefing and debriefing is an important activity to be done before and after the expedition/trekking. It is being carried out against the permits issued to the expeditions visiting to the restricted zone.

Currently, briefing is being carried out in all district Tourism offices and Alpine Club of Pakistan, Islamabad.

It is proposed by the committee that a central data base system to be in placed so sector could be managed effectively and share the record between Alpine Club of Pakistan and Tourism Department GB.

- **Availability of Climbing Gear and kits in Local Market:** The climbing gear and kit is a necessary part of any expedition and trekking which play a vital role to make the climb success. Therefore, it is proposed that case may be taken up with concerned quarters that tax exemptions may be provided to the concerned business sections who are dealing to import the climbing gears and who must have the outlets in local market thus the gear easily available in local market.

- **Strengthening of Tourism Department, Skardu:** A huge influx of domestic and foreign tourist to Gilgit Baltistan has been recorded from the past many years, this influx is increasing every passing year. It is presumed that the more tourists both adventure and general will keep visiting Gilgit Baltistan.

The Baltistan region is among the most visiting area, where, a huge number of adventure tourist coming to climb the peaks. It is further mentioned that most of the permits for trekking and expeditions are issued specifically for Karakoram ranges in Baltistan region. Now after operating of international flights the Baltistan region is connected rest of the world and expected to increase the influx of the international tourist in near future.

Most of the briefing and debriefing sessions viz a viz handling other official work is carried out in the Tourism, Sports and Culture Office, Skardu, due to shortage of human and financial resources with this office, work load hampers the efficiency.

It is further mentioned that recently, the Skardu office has been declared a Divisional Directorate without required human and financial resources.

- **Support to the aggrieved family:** It is worth mentioning that the said tragic accident has left the aggrieved family (a widow, 3 children and a mother) unattended, as Late. M. Hassan was the only bread earner of the family risked his



life. State, being the mother of land & its citizens has obligation to support in a crisis, therefore, the committee recommends to authorities concerned to compensate the aggrieved family.

5. Following decisions were taken by the competent Authority:

- I. The committee's findings and recommendations will be shared with all Tour Operators and they be strictly advised to take all recommendations seriously.
- II. The climber Mr. Gabriel Tarso mountaineer photographer be awarded with "appreciation letter" from the Honorable Governor or Chief Minister GB.
- III. GB government currently operating the sector under the regulatory frame work namely "Mountaineering Rules & Regulations 1999, extended and adopted by GB government. To make the sector in line with national and international standard the existing legal frame work will be amended.
- IV. M/S Lela Peak Expeditions Tour Operator found for violation of prevailing Mountaineering rules & Regulations 1999, i.e not providing adequate kit to HAP, hiring of an inexperienced HAP beside not insured the porter as per permit list of expedition and launch a joint expedition without consultation of Alpine Club of Pakistan thus the Tour Operating company will abstain from launching the expeditions in Gilgit Baltistan for two years.



**Fact Finding Inquiry Report**  
On Accident of Pakistani High Altitude Porter  
Mr. Muhammad Hassan

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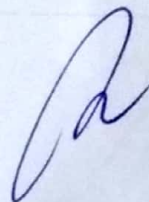
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Secretary Tourism, sports and culture has constituted a joint investigation committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Iqbal Hussain, Director, Archeology and Museums, Gilgit Baltistan to investigate and identify the chain of events leading to the incident on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at the bottleneck (8200 m) of K2 , in which Muhammad Hassan (HAP) lost his life.

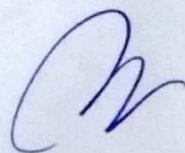
The members of proposed committee are well experienced especially in the field of Tourism and mountaineering. The team was tasked to find the reasons behind the unfortunate accident occurred at bottleneck K2 (8200 m), to that end the real time information from the climbers, Sherpas, HAPs who were there at the time of accident have been gathered to connect the dots.

After conducting through interviews with persons of interests (Eyewitnesses, Climbers and HAPs, Members of the tour company, Liaison officer, Mountaineering experts, Community members etc.) the committee has presented its findings. Likewise, after through deliberation the committee has provided a set of recommendations specifically focusing on minimizing the danger and preventing such accidents in future.

## INTRODUCTION

An accident was reported by the explorers web one 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, one of the leading digital media web page reporting specifically on the mountaineering and environmental news.

As per initial reports the accident occurred on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 2:30 am and it was reported along with footages (pictures, videos) and interviews of the alpinists who were there at the spot. The accident occurred at the Bottleneck, the most difficult portion of K2 at the altitude of 8200 meters on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023, reportedly, in which a Pakistani HAP Mr. Muhamad Hassan who belonged to Tissar District Shigar encountered a fatal accident and died. He was a high altitude porter hired by a local tour operator M/s Lela's Peak Expeditions. It is further mentioned that Mr. M Hassan was selected for assistance with route makers/rope fixing teams with Sherpas. The Sherpas were responsible for route making /rope fixing ahead of all the climbers, and the deceased Hassan was with rope fixing team on 26<sup>th</sup> July on K2 at camp 3. Mr. Hassan along-with





the route makers/rope fixing team started climbing from C3 on 26<sup>th</sup> around 4:00 pm and reached at the bottleneck on around 10:00 pm and started fixing the rope with the Sherpas.

As per statements given by various expedition members who were in the summit push, at late night they faced some avalanches below the bottleneck about 2:35 am which made the situation more cautious and a hurry to cross the dangerous bottleneck area as soon as possible, while, the members below the bottleneck managed their movement accordingly and some of the members gave up and returned back to base camp, luckily non was injured. This situation created havoc among the climbers who were already at bottleneck and travers area.

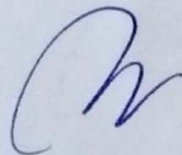
As it can be witnessed in the pictures that a mountaineer lay down at the traverse of bottleneck and rest of mountaineers are stepping over the injured high altitude porter heading towards summit instead of helping him and bringing him down which created panic among the alpinists and masses around the globe. A number of mountaineers, especially the ones, who were eyewitness started to give their views on various social media handlers to tell the stories to digital media what went wrong and what actually happened at bottleneck on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

## **2. METHODOLOGY**

The joint investigation committee started collecting the evidential views and comments made by the mountaineers, in their personal accounts, especially the three mountaineers and another HAP Mr. Hassan who was the close companion of late Muhammad Hassan, whose services as high altitude porter have also been hired by Lela Peak Expedition for their expedition group "Lela Pak/Nepal 8K club K2, Expedition, 2023" under the leadership of Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa.

The Joint investigation committee expended its investigation circumference further and made a sit in with the owner of the Lela Peak Expedition to ascertain the details of the expedition in which the services of Late Muhammad Hassan were being hired.

The briefing of the team was conducted at Alpine Club Pakistan, Islamabad on June 14<sup>th</sup> and reached Skardu through flight on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, and started their approach march towards K 2 base camp on June 19, 2023.



The team reached at K2 basecamp along with Liaison Officer, Flight Lt. Fazeel Chaudary on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 and started climbing toward higher camps for acclimatization and establishment of upper camps, after a weeklong rest at basecamp like other expeditions. As per weather forecast a windows was open from afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> July to 11 am on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023, another HAP Mr. Hussain told the committee members. The expeditions teams decided to launch summit push in Everest Style. The rope fixing team moved advanced on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 04:00 pm from camp III, about 15 members from different expedition teams specially Nepali Sherpas and local HAP including late Muhammad Hassan.

The rope fixing team started fixing rope immediately on bottleneck to set out the path for the rest of climbers to cross the bottleneck safely. It became evident that as long as the rope was being fixed by the route makers, late Hassan was standing behind with a load of ropes looking for long and strenuous climb up to the bottleneck from camp III without any proper rest, it came to light that the team had rested only few hours at camp III and started their climb further and reached at bottleneck which was too dangerous and highly technical to travers.

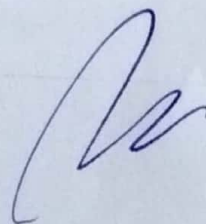
### **3. FINDINGS:**

- The accident occurred on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 between 12: 00 am to 2:00 am at bottleneck (8200 m) K2.
- M/s Lela Peak Expedition is the Tour Operator (license No. 1047) issued permit hired Mr. Muhammad to assist the rope fixing team. The nominated Liaison Officer was Flt. Lt. Muhammad Fazeel Chaudhary was along-with the expedition.

The team leader of the expedition was Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa from Nepal bearing passport # 08535821.

### **Reasons leading to the accident:**

The following reasons are visible leading to the death of Mr. Hassan s/o Ali resident of Tissar District Shigar at Bottleneck (8200 m) K2.





- He has not that much experience to climb (8000 m) peak neither properly trained for such a technical climbing. This was his first expedition in his career, it is further noted that he has only done some trekking around K2 and Spantik.
- Late. Muhammad Hassan was exhausted due to strenuous climbing on the tough terrain in the death zone of Mighty K2, all the way from Camp III, conventionally expedition starts their summit push after establishing camp IV, and having proper rest.
- He had neither sufficient and appropriate kit nor understanding of the importance of high altitude clothing and gear. A co- climber told the committee that he saw Muhammad Hassan in a normal trousers and jacket during the acclimatization climbing in C2 and C3.
- It has been noticed by climbers while rescuing Mr. Hassan was not in proper clothing's and equipment to withstand the cold for that long.
- He slipped and fell down some 05 to 07 meters downhill due to a narrow stepping path on extremely dangerous slope as seen in the footages and videos of the social and digital media. His accident and fall can be attributed to both mental and physical exhaustive condition or by a rope jerk as more than one climber uses the same anchor point.
- He fell upside down and remained there for more than an hour due to darkness and could not get any help from the fellow Sherpas. HAP and climbers identified that Hassan's abdomen remain exposed in extreme cold temperature, as well as the downward concentration of his body fluid and blood caused his body to faint, and restricted survivability.
- All the alpinists were purely focused on their long awaited summit push and all members had tunnel vision so, few have focused to rescue him, but it was quite late.
- The alpinists were at bottleneck in fear of avalanches and bad weather, thereby all were in rush to summit rather to rescue and help Hassan well in time.
- The committee has contacted with the 30HAPs trained from the Snow School Rattu, Astore aiming to know either any of them engaged with any expedition party by tour operators. No one has been engaged so far.

#### 4. EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

Mr. Hassan HAP from (Shigar) (eye witness) recorded his statement that rope fixing team constituted 15 members from different teams specially Nepali sharpas and local HAPs including late Muhammad Hassan. They started climbing on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 04:00 pm from camp III, they reached traverse area on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at about 11 to 12:00 midnight.

- When they reached the bottleneck and tried to cross traverse area M. Hassan was behind me and got slipped (ice he stood was shaky) and fell down almost 05 to 07 meters downward, I got shocked and started crying for help at that time 6 Sherpas were ahead of us two of them came and tried to pull him up but could not manage to do so, as we had no pulley which could be used to rescue easily. He further added that when failed, both Sherpas went ahead for fixing the rope while, I was there until another Sherpa along with a foreign climber came there and pulled him up around 2:30 am. the Late M Hassan remained hang upside down almost one and half hour.
- One of the important statements shared by Mr. Gabriel Tarso Silva (eye witness) who is a mountaineer and photographer of Kristin Harila, one who pulled up M. Hassan and provided some water to save his life, his statement is attached.

In June 2023 I traveled to Pakistan to work as a photographer and videographer on Norwegian climber Kristin Harila's project, which aimed to climb the 14 highest mountains in the world and break a world record. After more than a month between roads, camps and villages, we reached the day to climb the last mountain, K2 (8,611 meters). On the evening of July 26<sup>th</sup>, I left Camp 3 at 8pm to document Kristin's climb and her guide Tenjen Sherpa. Until, around 2:30 am on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we found a queue at the Bottleneck, the most dangerous stretch of the route, as it is an extremely steep crossing under a serac and at constant risk of avalanches.

In front of me were about ten other climbers standing in the dark. From where I was, I was trying to film the difficulties of the route when I understood that something had happened right ahead. I leaned over a little and saw the desperate scene: a person hanging upside down. There began a real nightmare. We had no idea what had happened, if the person had slipped, if they had been hit by an avalanche or if they felt sick and fell. It just couldn't be understood. But everything indicated that the accident had occurred a short time ago.

Every minute we spent in line increased the anguish and distress caused by the groans of pain that we all heard. It was impossible not to hear. Everything was bleak. In addition to being upside down, the person's torso was completely exposed to the -20 degree cold. I still didn't





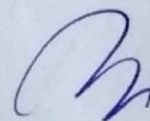
know if it was a man or a woman, if it was a local worker or a climber from another country. What I did know was that he was a desperate person in need of help, as his life was at risk.

After standing at traffic jam for a while, I realized that whoever was closest didn't know how to deal with that situation. With great difficulty, Kristin, Tejen, and I moved towards the accident, disconnecting from the rope and crossing each of the people in front of us. When we finally got there, we saw that it was a young man. Immediately, one of the things that stood out the most was that he was not wearing supplemental oxygen, or a helmet, or proper clothing such as a downsuit. I didn't understand why he wasn't wearing his gloves either.

With no time to try to understand the precarious condition of that man, or what could have caused that situation, I disconnected my mask and gave some of my oxygen to try to revive him. In an attempt to help him, Tenjen went ahead and put a rope on him and climbed 5 meters to the anchor above the accident to pull him out, but he couldn't. After that, I wrapped small rope around that person's torso to try to equalize his body and get him out of that awkward position. I set up a pulling 3:1 system (which is a rescue technique to help reduce weight), which I improvised with some prussiks (cords) and carabiners, together with that guy's friend (Hassam Shighri), who returned to the accident to assist in the rescue attempt. Kristin and Tenjin went ahead as they heard on the radio that the rope fixing team was in trouble. But I was also limited, as I didn't have an extra meter of rope or an extra ice screw to aid in the rescue. All my equipment had already been used on other occasions, including my piolet, which I gave Kristin's Sherpa to move to the anchorage above that man. All conditions were unfavorable. Even so, I tried everything I could.

The queue at Bottleneck stood still for a long time. Because of this, many people gave up climbing. On the other hand, some completely ignored what was happening there. Several times I felt someone touch my shoulder lightly and say: "Could you go to the side so I can pass, please?". Either way, it was unbelievable. Of course, in that situation, it angered me a lot and, at the same time, I know that people were also terrified to leave that place as quickly as possible. Standing still on the most exposed and dangerous stretch, whatever the mountain, means counting on luck at every second. And not everyone is willing or confident enough to risk their life to try to help someone in such an inhospitable place.

After much effort, we managed to bring him to the small plateau, along with another 8k Sherpa who appeared at the end to help us. All signs indicated that he was hypothermic, as he didn't have the proper clothing and equipment to withstand the cold for that long. To make matters worse, he appeared to have broken legs, because during the fall, the climbing harnesses that he was using ended up on his knees, locking him in the upside down position with his legs completely twisted for at least an hour. I tried to revive him and warm his uncovered hands. I took off my oxygen mask and let him breathe some more. I tried to give him something warm to drink and tell him everything would be fine. But he no longer responded to any stimulus, he



didn't give any sign that he was really going to be alright. An extremely sad and tragic feeling was, in slow motion, taking care of me. Looking into his eyes, now almost without any sparkle, I realized that perhaps there was no more hope for porter Muhammad Hassan.

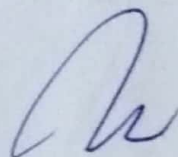
This difficult situation made me very sad. At this point on the mountain, perhaps no man or woman could help carry Hassan down. The Bottleneck path is very narrow and the snow was very inconsistent, falling all the time.

With the first light of day, people began to gather and began to cross the ropes that divided us. At that moment, the 8k sherpa told me that the Fixing rope team would return to help with the rescue. But I didn't imagine how that could be possible. In fact, we were in a very dangerous place and the chance of another accident was very high. Despite having felt a mixture of anger and indignation at the indifference of those around us, we had to accept that we had done everything possible to save him. I didn't want to leave, I didn't want to leave him behind. I wanted to try some more. Even though I knew it would be in vain. Even though I knew I had tried everything. My oxygen cylinder was practically empty and if I didn't leave, maybe I would never get up from there. I said goodbye to Hassan, feeling a mix of feelings that words still don't reach the point of trying to define.

I walked away not believing in everything that had just happened. It didn't take long for my oxygen to run out for good. I spent about thirty minutes breathing the rarefied air of K2. Confused, without any motivation to move forward. In a way, I felt that I had given up on something bigger and that reaching the top of a mountain no longer meant anything. I don't know how, I kept walking until I found our team's Sherpa at another point in the line carrying an extra bottle of oxygen. I still felt bewildered even after breathing again.

It was another difficult moment. I wanted to go down, but I couldn't because of the amount of people going up. The stretch after Bottleneck, where I was, is equally steep and full of blue ice, very smooth and hard, which makes the route extremely arduous. The way out is the same way back. Inside, I just wanted to finish my job, turn around, and be done with it all. Even more so because the forecast was for a drastic change in weather from 10 am onwards. By that time, we should have been back at Camp 3.

Although I felt physically and emotionally drained, I gathered what little strength I had left to catch up again with Kristin's team and the Sherpas who were leading the line securing the ropes to the top of K2. Around 10 am I still hadn't reached them and decided to try to record with the drone the final meters of them approaching the summit. The equipment destabilized in the air, due to the falling snow, and plummeted for more than a thousand meters on the Chinese side of the mountain. There I gave up once again. I don't know exactly where I got the strength from, but I reached 8,611 meters. There was no summit photo for me. I recorded the videos I needed, looked at the landscape that already intubated us inside the clouds and got ready to





descend for another 17 hours until I reached base camp again. I just wanted to pass out inside my tent. It was the longest lap I've ever ridden. And also the saddest.

*\* Gabriel Tarso is a mountaineer and outdoor photographer and has more than ten years of experience in high mountains. In May of this year, he reached the top of Mount Everest for the third time in a row.*

## 5. ANALYSIS

- After the detail and extensive deliberation, it has been identified/witnessed that all the concerned stakeholders have made a very little effort to improve the system at their end even some stakeholders benefited from it instead of putting some effort for betterment of the sector. For such reasons number of incidents occurring leading to loss of precious human lives, the most recent is M. Hassan. These incidents create far reaching consequences on adventure tourism generally and lives of local people specifically, since huge number of locals are connected with mountaineering and earn their bread and butter from this sector.

It has been noticed that most of the tour operators are least bothered to follow the rules and abide by the set procedures during the tour operations, knowingly they let it to go, especially when while hiring the high altitude porters.

The current incident has not only affected the Hassan's and his family but it will affect rest of HAPs and other Tour operating companies as well, who are handling the adventure tourism and hiring the human resource to handle the climbers in such a difficult terrain.

To minimize the consequences, especially the precious lives of the people in future endeavor, they will have to have a solid, careful and improved version of networking to be adopted /adhered or enforced by stakeholders to better handle the sector in a right way without compromising the lives of locals and other climbers. For this purpose, legal and procedural revision and upgradation of mountaineering rules & regulation is essential, as it's governed under decades old document developed by the than federal ministry of tourism Islamabad, it is high time that with the consensus of all stakeholders, GB tourism to revive and upgrade the existing rules and regulations immediately.

## 6. DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

- i. Expedition Permit issued from Tourism Department Islamabad.
- ii. Copy of List of Members and HAPs.



- iii. Copy of Insurance of L.O, HAPs and LAPs
- iv. Copy of Briefing provided by Alpine Club of Pakistan
- v. Death Certificate of Late Hassan
- vi. Copy of Statement of Liaison Officer
- vii. Agreement Between Tour Operator and HAP for purchase of Kit
- viii. Copy of De-Briefing provided by Alpine Club of Pakistan
- ix. Statement of Kiristine Harila's Photographer who rescued Late Hassan.
- x. Statement of the Tour Operator about the accident.
- xi. Copy of mountaineering and trekking rules, 1999.

## 7. LEGAL, REGULATORY OR POLICY VIOLATIONS

It has been observed after examination of documents that some violations have been committed by the stakeholders' during the handling of the said expedition.

The visible policy violations are likely;

### **Insurance:**

- The name of HAP late. M. Hassan is not enlisted in the permit document, neither he has been insured which is clear violation of Mountaineering rules and regulation 1999 Chapter 8 section 41.

### **Kit and equipment's:**

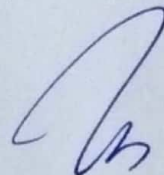
- The expedition party is responsible to provide the kit & equipment's to L.O, HAP and LAP free of cost as per Annexures E-mountaineering Rules and Regulation 1999 Chapter 05 section 24. In the instant case Tour Operator paid an amount of Rs,250000/ to M. Hassan with mutual consensus.

### **General:**

The expedition party is liable to handover the Kit and Equipment to HAPs and LAPs in the presence of Liaison officer. No party shall be allowed to proceed to its destination if the Kit and Equipment provided to LO, Porters is found incomplete and substandard as per Mountaineering Rules and Regulation 1999, chapter 05 section 26 and 27. In this case the procedure has not been followed as per rules.

### **Briefing de- Briefing**

It is mandatory for an expedition party prior to proceeding to mountains that the leader of the team along with Liaison officer must attend the briefing session at





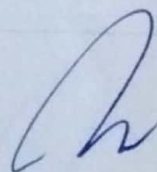
office of Alpine club of Pakistan at Islamabad or Tourism Department at Skardu and formal De Briefing session upon return from the mission. As per Mountaineering Rules and Regulation Section 11 and 12 (**No party will leave for the mountains without formal briefing or leave the country without formal De briefing**). During the investigation it was revealed that the said expedition leader had attend the formal Briefing session at Alpine Club of Pakistan on dated 14/6/2023, when committee asked the Alpine Club of Pakistan to provide the documents of briefing and de briefing the Alpine Club of Pakistan provided Briefing documents and verbally communicated to the committee that leader did not attend the formal De Briefing session at Islamabad. However after 03 days Alpine Club of Pakistan provided de- briefing document with the statement that the party submitted De briefing documents through Tour Operator which is clear violation of above mentioned rules and regulations.

- **Accident or any Causality:**

As per mountaineering and Trekking Rules 1999, chapter 08 section 78, in case any accident occurred/happed it is prime responsibility of the Liaison Officer and Team leader to submit the written statement to the nearest police station regarding the incident and get in touch with the Deputy Commissioner concerned to get the assistance and death certificate which has not been followed by both the responsible persons in the instant case.

- **Enforcement of Mountaineering rules, 1999.**

It has been observed that the mountaineering and trekking rules, 1999 have not been enforced/followed as per spirit of the rules by each stakeholder due to lack of human resource in both the offices of Tourism Department, GB and Alpine Club of Pakistan, Islamabad resultantly it lead to leniency at the part of Tour operation Companies. Thereby, to implement the rules and regulation as per true spirit, strict adherence is needed for both institutions also need to be strengthening both offices by providing the financial and trained human resource.



- **Joint Expedition parties**

The subject permit has been obtained under joint Expedition parties between Nepal and Pakistan "Lela's Pak/Nepal 8000 Club Joint K-2 Expedition, 2023". as per mountaineering rule under the chapter 07 section 65, the instant matter need to be investigated either the aforementioned rules and regulations has been followed or not?

## **8. ETHICAL VIOLATION**

UIAA Kathmandu Declaration 2016, United Int. Alpine Association (UIAA) Ethical Code of Expedition section 03 state's Conduct the Expedition in a way that maintains the safety of its members especially those it employees. All the Alpinists are supposed to abide the above mention clause of the Kathmandu Declaration 2016 with its true spirit during the expeditions. However, it has been witnessed that during this expedition the ethical code of conduct has not been followed by Sherpas.

It has also been noticed that the relevant tour operator attended the investigation process when called but he did not extend the required cooperation with investigation committee as we asked multiple time to provide the contact numbers of relevant Sherpa or other relevant person to whom we can collect the information of the accident as an eye witness.

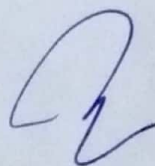
The facts finding report has been undertaken against the ToRs mentioned in Office Order No Estt(T)- 1(31)/2022-23 dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The inquiry report is submitted with clear finding and violation of Mountaineering rules & regulations, the concerned authority may fix the responsibility if deemed necessary.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

On the basis of the detail deliberations made thereafter with various stakeholders and other adventure tourism experts the committee has come up with the following recommendations;

### **a. Technical trainings**

Currently the main obstacle in the sector is lack of highly trained human resource particularly in the field of mountaineering. During our investigation and





deliberations with field experts it was revealed that the Sherpa of Nepal are not only technically trained but also focused on their physical fitness. A decade ago Sherpas had only Two seasons, Spring and Post Monsoon, but now they occupy pre Monsoon in the month of May, June and July. In Pakistan now a well-trained Sherpa is engaged for 9 months out of 12 months. In the current perspective of the sector Sherpas are focusing on their fitness and trainings owing to lucrative offers from outfitters.

“Action Speaks louder than Words” Almost a decades ago Nepali Sherpas Launched their expedition in Gilgit Baltistan Pakistan so far not a single incident has been recorded at Sherpa’s end. This is because of high professionalism and utmost fitness.

It is proposed that initially a slot of 15 to 20 trainees be prepared from any international certified institution. The trainings may be carried out on war footing to enable the sector to provide sufficient number of well-trained high altitude porters enabling the sector to grow so to minimize the human losses.

**b. Only Trained and Certified HAP should be Allowed to Climb**

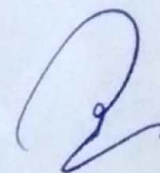
It is pertinent to mention that most of the high altitude porter are not properly trained from any certified institution which causes the frequent accidents and loss of precious human life. Due to incomparable competition to scale the mountains among local HAP and Sherpas the tendency of human losses are increasing. It is proposed that immediate steps should be taken to mitigate these issues. In this connection the prevailing Trekking and mountaineering rules to be revised.

**c. Medical fitness of the high altitude porters**

It is deemed necessary that every worker should be medically fit before joining of any expedition on mountains. If an individual is willing to join any expedition, he must go through with a detail medical examination to get the medical fitness certificate from any PHQ or RHQ dully signed by the medical officer & ensured by LO.

**d. Rescue operation mechanism**

A rescue mechanism is crucial in mountains due to difficult terrain and challenging nature of environment, the behavior of mountains often have



unpredictable weather and limited accessibility, making accidents or emergencies more likely.

A well-managed and swift rescue mechanism ensures that injured or stranded climbers can receive timely medical attention and assistance from trained professionals ultimately increasing the chances of survivals and minimize the losses of human life.

A well-managed and swift rescue mechanism be ensured with highly trained human resource with sophisticated equipment and logistics as search and rescue teams.

**e. Trekking/expedition rules to be revised.**

In 1999 the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Islamabad implemented the trekking and mountaineering rules in GB. In the wake of 18<sup>th</sup> amendment in 2010, the Tourism sector was devolved to the provinces, in case of Gilgit Baltistan the sector remained with federal government in the preview of Gilgit Baltistan Council. In accordance with Gilgit Baltistan order 2018, Tourism sector was handed over to the Tourism Department Gilgit Baltistan in 2021, unfortunately same rules are being enforced so far which does not cover many aspects in details regarding high and low altitude porters, Liaison officer, age limit of climbers, insufficient insurance coverage, fines, penalties and charges.

It is high time to revised aforementioned rules so the sector could be regularized and improved the mechanism.

**f. Revision of TOR of Liaison Officer**

The prevailing rules as far as Terms of References (ToR) of LO is concerned are quite insufficient. The responsibilities of LO should be more technical and careful. The prevailing Rules discuss more about his facilities rather his responsibilities. There should be detailed ToRs about his responsibilities in revised Mountaineering and Trekking Rules.

**g. Insurance Policy for HAP**

The prevailing insurance mechanism for LAP and HAP is so poor and quite insufficient. To enlist the LAP and HAP for insurance is sole discretion and will of Tour Operator thereby, a very few tour operators are insuring their HAP. A new policy ensuring all the LAPs and HAP during the expedition with maximum





coverage is essential to benefit the LAPs and HAP in this connection the Tourism department Islamabad has already taken up the case which need to be processed.

**h. Briefing & De Briefing**

Briefing and debriefing is an important activity to be done before and after the expedition/trekking. It is being carried out against the permits issued to the expeditions visiting to the restricted zone.

Currently, briefing is being carried out in all district tourism offices and Alpine Club of Pakistan, Islamabad.

It has been proposed by the committee that a central data base system to be in placed so that effectively managed the sector and share the record between Alpine Club of Pakistan and Tourism Department GB.

**i. Availability of Climbing Gear and kits in Local Market.**

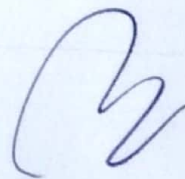
The climbing gear and kit is a necessary part of any expedition and trekking which play a vital role to make the climb success, it is also certain that it not only protects climbers and porter from harsh weather but also from other calamities as well.

Therefore, it is proposed that case may be taken up with concerned quarters that tax exemptions may be provided to the concerned business sections who are dealing to import the climbing gears and who must have the outlets in local market thus the gear easily available in local market.

**j. Strengthening of Tourism Department, Skardu**

A huge influx of domestic and foreign tourist to Gilgit Baltistan has been recorded from the past many years, this influx is increasing every passing year. It is presumed that the more tourists both adventure and general will keep visiting Gilgit Baltistan.

The Baltistan region is among the most visiting area, where, a huge number of adventure tourist coming to climb the peaks. It is further mentioned that most of the permits for trekking and expeditions are issued specifically for Karakoram ranges in Baltistan region. Now after operating of international flights the Baltistan region is connected rest of the world and expected to increase the influx of the international tourist in near future.



Most of the briefing and debriefing sessions viz a viz handling other official work is carried out in the Tourism, Sports and Culture Office, Skardu, due to shortage of human and financial resources with this office, work load hampers the efficiency.

It is further mentioned that recently, the Skardu office has been declared a Divisional Directorate without required human and financial resources.

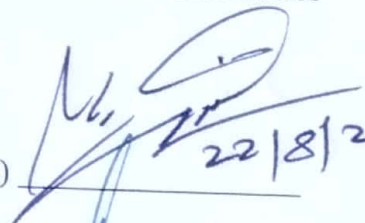
### **Discourage the Trekkers/Alpinists**

It has been observed that some climbers (locals and foreign) are act so irresponsible and puerile actions on such a high mountains which is life threaten and risky, therefore such acts need to be discouraged and penalized.

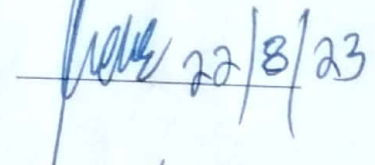
### **Support to the aggrieved family**

It is worth mentioning that the said tragic accident has left the aggrieved family (a widow, 3 children and a mother) unattended, as Late. M. Hassan was the only bread earner of the family risked his life. State, being the mother of land & its citizens has obligation to support in a crisis, therefore, the committee recommends to authorities concerned to compensate the aggrieved family.

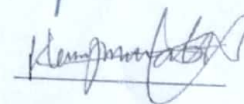
Iqbal Hussain, Director, Archaeology & Museums. GB (Chairman)

  
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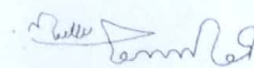
Rahat Karim Baig, Deputy Director Tourism, Baltistan

  
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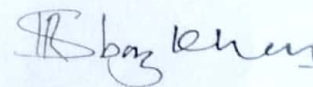
Hamza Murad Raan, Assistant Commissioner, Shigar



Adv. Rehmat Ullah, Vice President, ACP



Sirbaz Khan, Representative of GBATO





### REFERENCES:

- Ref. 01 record verbal Statement of Mr. Akbar Syed, owner Lela Peak Exp
- Ref. 02 record verbal statement by Mr. Hassan (Co-HAP of Mr. M. Hassan)
- Ref. 03 record verbal statement by Mr. little Hussain (machulu) HAP
- Ref. 04 Written statement by Mr. Gabriel (one who helped late. M. Hassan)
- Ref. 05 Mail from mountaineer Alle Peper
- Ref. 06 written statement of Mr. Anwar Syed, owner Lela Peak Exp
- Ref. 07 Prominent website Explorersweb
- Ref. 08 verbal statements of Mr. Sulieman & Mr. M. Khan relatives of late. M. Hassan
- Ref. 09 Mail to three Nepali Sherpas including team leader

### Technical Expert Opinion:

- By Mr. Sirbaz prominent mountaineer.
- Adv. Rehmat ullah (mountaineer), Vice President Alpine Club of Pakistan.
- Sajid Sadpara Mountaineer
- Sher Baz Mountaineer
- Abid Sadpara



GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN  
GILGIT-BALTISTAN SECRETARIAT  
TOURISM, SPORTS & CULTURE DEPARTMENT  
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No. Estt(T)-1(31)/2022-23  
Gilgit the 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**OFFICE ORDER**

**FACT FINDING INQUIRY ORDER - ON TRAGIC ACCIDENT OF PAKISTANI  
HIGH ALTITUDE PORTER MR. MUHAMMAD HASSAN**

The Secretary Tourism, Sports, Culture, Archaeology and Museum Department GB has been pleased to constitute following inquiry Committee to probe a fact-finding inquiry on the tragic incident involving the death of Pakistani high-altitude porter, Mr. Muhammad Hassan, near the bottle neck of K-2. There have been distressing reports circulating on various social media platforms regarding the unfortunate incident, and it is crucial to ascertain the facts surrounding this incident.

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|---|----------|
| 1. Iqbal Hussain, Director Archaeology and Museum | Chairman |
| 2. Rahat Karim Baig Deputy Director Baltistan     | Member   |
| 3. Rep of Divisional/District Administration      | Member   |
| 4. Rep of GBATO                                   | Member   |
| 5. Rep of Alpine Club of Pakistan                 | Member   |

Accordingly, the Committee is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive fact-finding inquiry into the matter and provide a detailed report addressing the following inquiries and concerns:

- Investigate the circumstances under which the accident occurred, including the condition of the mountain, particularly regarding avalanches, and the reasons leading to the accident.
- Examine the actions of the expedition group that Mr. Muhammad Hassan was working with, and ascertain whether adequate efforts were made to rescue him after he slipped while fixing ropes.
- Determine the condition of Mr. Hassan's climbing gear and ascertain who authorized him to climb with equipment that might have been insufficient for such high-altitude expeditions and his level of experience.
- Verify the accounts of fellow porters and sherpas regarding Mr. Hassan's uniform/kit and the condition of his oxygen mask during the accident.
- Provide information on the services and employment status of the 30 HAPs who were recently trained through Snow School Rattu. Detail the locations and expeditions where these trained porters have been employed.
- Examine whether the training provided to the HAPs has had any positive impact on high altitude expeditions, particularly in terms of safety, preparedness, and adherence to established safety protocols.

2. The inquiry report along with clear findings and recommendations be submitted within **fifteen days (15)** to Secretary Tourism, Sports, Culture, Museum and Archaeology.

3. This issues with the approval of Secretary Tourism, Sports, Culture, Museum and Archaeology, Gilgit-Baltistan

(SHEIKH INAYATULLAH)  
DEPUTY SECRETARY (TOURISM)  
PH#05811-920533

**Copy to:**

- Fact Finding Member(s) concerned (05)
- PS to Secretary, Tourism, Culture, Sports, Archaeology and Museums Department, GB, Gilgit.





GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM  
3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR 302(A) EVACUEE TRUST COMPLEX  
AGHA KHAN ROAD F-51, ISLAMABAD  
[www.visitgilgitbaltistan.gov.pk](http://www.visitgilgitbaltistan.gov.pk)

CLIMBING PERMIT # 33

F No T-1(61)/2023-DoT-ISD/Exp		Dated June 16, 2023	
I am directed to refer to your application dated 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023 through M/S Lela Peak Expeditions and to convey the permission of Tourism Department, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan for Scaling the Peak in accordance with the details given below -			
<b>A. PEAK DETAILS:</b>			
i	Name of Expedition Party	Lela s Pak/Nepal 8000 Club Joint K-2 Expedition, 2023	
ii	Peak	K-2	(8611m)
iii	Permit validity	16-06-2023 to 07-08-2023	
iv	Permission Granted	14 Persons for Climbing only	
v	Route	Islamabad- Naran- Kaghan- Chilas- Skardu- Askoli- Pajju- Urdukas- Concordia- K-2 BC return via Gondogoro La- Hushe- Khaplu	
<b>B. LEADER DETAILS:</b>			
i	Name	Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa	
ii	Nationality	Nepal	
iii	Passport	08535821	
iv	Tour Operator/Handling Agency	M/S Lela Peak Expedition Habib Plaza, College road, Skardu	Contact 03459602306
<b>C. HUMAN RESOURCE:</b>			
i	Name of the Guide/LO	Flt. Lt. Muhammad Fazeel Chaudhary	
		DTS Licence :	Contact
ii	No. of Porter(s)	LAP: 40	HAP: 02
<b>D. FEE Detail :</b>			
<b>CKNP WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE</b>			
i	Bank	Soneri Bank Ltd Main Branch Gilgit	
ii	A/c No	0010-20010886962	
iii	Deposit date	16-06-2023 & 16-06-2023	
iv	Receipt No	45491528 & 45491527	
v	Fee	\$ 200 x 09= \$ 1800 Pak Rs 517050+15000=532050/-	

2. This permit is issued for visit of foreigners to above mentioned specified area and for **Climbing Purpose** only.
3. Strict adherence to the existing rules/ instructions given during briefing may be ensured.
4. Permit is issued subject to the conditions (Copy).
5. Follow Stringent COVID SOPs/Guideline issued by NCOC/MONHSR&C.

(SAJID HUSSAIN)  
Deputy Director  
Ph: 051-2726976 Fax: 051-2726976



A	Name of Group	LELA'S PAK/NEPAL 8000 CLUB JOINT K-2 EXPEDITION 2023				
B	Trek/Peak Name	K2 (8611M)				
C	Guide /LO Name		D	Guide License No		
E	Guide/LO Contact No		F	Porters Engaged	LAP HAP 02 40	
G	Insurance Policy No		H	Date	16-06-2022	
I.	Members Details Including Leader					
S N O	NAME	NATIONAL	PASSPORT OR CNIC	DATE OF ISSUE/EXIRY	DATE OF BIRHTH	DURATION
01	Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa (Leader)	Nepalese	08535821	23/02/2015 to 22/02/2025	17/12/1972	16-06-2023 To 05-08-2023
02	Mr. Tashi Sherpa	Nepalese	11262201	14/01/2019 to 13/01/2019	20/11/1996	
03	Mr. Rinjen Sherpa	Nepalese	07550812	29/06/2014 to 28/06/2024	01/02/1973	
04	Mr. Mingdukpa Sherpa	Nepalese	07099455	23/02/2024 to 22/02/2024	10/09/1996	
05	Mr. Dawa Dorchi Sherpa	Nepalese	09887523	10/07/2016 to 09/07/2026	04/02/1995	
06	Mr. Dawa Nupu Sherpa	Nepalese	10458029	07/07/2017 to 07/07/2027	23/08/1991	
07	Mr. Halung Dorchi Sherpa	Nepalese	10971689	21/06/2018 to 20/06/2028	25/11/1989	
08	Mr. Pastemba Sherpa	Nepalese	11355060	12/03/2019 to 11/03/2029	22/02/1998	
09	Mr. Pem Nurbu Sherpa	Nepalese	09100842	20/08/2015 to 19/08/2025	25/01/1992	
10	Mr. Zakir Hussain	Pakistani	71302-4088548-7	06/06/2022 to 06/06/2032	15/05/1987	
11	Mr. Hassan	Pakistani	71102-6060436-7	16/09/2009 to 30/09/2015	01/01/1985	
12	Mr. Yousaf Ali	Pakistani	71302- 1581592-1	11/07/2013 to 11/07/2023	03/06/1995	



13	Mr. Muhammad Ali	Pakistani	71302-9315919-9	21/06/2017 to 21/06/2027	01/01/1986	✓
14	Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed	Pakistani	71302-2788889-3	27/09/2022 to 07/07/2032	08/03/1985	

15 M. Hassan. Pakistani: 71102-8952745-1

16 M. Basim Pakistani

## Misc Policy (Schedule)

Policy No. : 2023/06/ISSPADP00093	Insurance Type : Direct ( 100%)
Business Class : Personal Accident	Branch : Islamabad
Occupancy : -	Issue Date : 16/06/2023
Agency : 2101400001	Old Ref No : -
Client Code : 1200100636	
The Client : M/s. LELA PEAK EXPEDITION	
Client NTN/CNIC# : -- / 71302-0453706-9	Client Sales Tax# : -
Address : Lela's Joint K2 Expedition 2023 Led by Mr. Dawn Ongju Sherpa, Skardu	
Deductible : -	
Period of Insurance : From 16/06/2023 To 07/08/2023 (Both Dates Inclusive)	

(01) L O /Guide: Fil. Lt. Muhammad Fazeel Chaudhry  
Sum insured: Rs 300,000/-  
N.O.K (Father)

### Description

(02) High Altitude Porter  
1). Mr. Muhammad Bashir N.O.K (wife). (2). Mr. Asif Nawaz N.O.K (wife)  
Sum insured: Rs 200,000/-each

(40) Low Altitude Porters & Cooks:  
Sum insured: Rs.100,000/-each

SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE STANDARD PERSONAL ACCIDENT POLICY PARA 1 OF THE CONDITION IS CORRECTED AS UNDER:-  
IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND AGREED THAT THE RISK OF MOUNTAINEERING WHICH IS NORMALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE STANDARD PERSONAL ACCIDENT POLICY IS HEREBY COVERED.

Sum Insured / : Rs. 4,700,000.00 (Four Million Seven Hundred Thousand only)

#### Total Declared Value

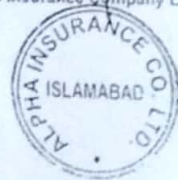
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		Gross Premium	Rs.		16,420
		Administrative Surcharges	5.00 %	Rs.	821
		Sub Total			17,241
		Federal Excise Duty	16.0000%	Rs.	2,759.1
		Federal Insurance Fee	1.0000%	Rs.	172.1
		Stamp Duty		Rs.	10.1
<b>Gross Premium :</b>	<b>Rs. 16,420</b>	<b>Net Premium</b>	<b>Rs.</b>		<b>20,182</b>

Net Calculation of 16.90% S.T.O.S and 1.00% F.F is on Gross Premium inclusive of 5.80% Adm-Surcharge

Subject to the following clauses, endorsements & warranties attached.

In WITNESS whereof the undersigned acting on behalf of and with the authority of the Company has hereto set his hand at Islamabad 16/06/2023.

Alpha Insurance Company Limited





GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM, OPERATION SECTION  
ALPINE CLUB OF PAKISTAN

BRIEFING CHECK LIST FOR MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION

Name of Expedition: Lela's Pate/wopel Joncht K-2 Exp, 23 Leader: Mr. Dawar Ongju Sharp  
Peak Name: K-2 Height: 8611m  
Handling Tour Operator: Lela Peak Expedition L.O: F/L Muid Fazeel Chaudry

1. To obtain and check following documents: -
  - i. Copy of Climbing permit
  - ii. List of Climbers
  - iii. Undertaking by the Leader
  - iv. Undertaking by the L.O/ Guide.
  - v. Undertaking by the Leader and Tour Operator for payment of environmental damages.
2. To explain main points of Rules & Regulations governing Mountaineering in the area.
3. To explain Trekking / Mountaineering route, ecology, sociology and norms & customs of the people of the area.
4. To explain procedure for obtaining serious injury / Death Certificate from the D.C concerned.
  - i. Written statement of Expedition Leader / Doctor.
  - ii. Written statement of Expedition L.O / Guide with two Witnesses.
  - iii. Written statement of Expedition Leader / Doctor/ L.O / Guide to be submitted to the nearest Police Station for registration of FIR.
  - iv. Copy of FIR along with written statements of Expedition Leader / Doctor / L.O / Guide to be submitted to concerned Deputy Commissioner for issue of Death Certificate.
  - v. Death / Injury Certificate to be obtained from Deputy Commissioner concerned.
5. To advise members:
  - i. To maintain cordial relation between members of the Party and L.O / Guide.
  - ii. To respect local people and customs of the area.
6. To ensure that:
  - i. Proper Kit & equipment for L.O / Guide / Porters has been brought by Expedition.
  - ii. Expedition is accompanied by a Doctor / First Aid specialist.
  - iii. NOC for shooting a commercial Film has been obtained from Ministry of information.
  - iv. Helicopter Evacuation Certificate, if required, has been obtained from Askari Aviation.
  - v. L.O food arrangements have been finalized with Expedition.

UNDERTAKING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES

I, Mr / Ms Dawa Ongju sherpa 23 Leader of the Lela Peak/Nepal 8000 club k-2 Exp, 2023 Expedition do hereby undertake on behalf of the members of the expedition that we directly or indirectly using any means whatsoever shall not cause any pollution, damages, loss, mutilation, fire, injury to the environment, landscape, forests, wild life livestock, flora, fauna and game sanctuaries of Pakistan.

I, further hereby undertake to pay a minimum amount of US \$ 1000/- (One thousand only) to the Government of Pakistan in lieu of such damage caused by any member of my expedition. Any fine more than US \$ 1000/- as determined by Government of Pakistan will become payable immediately by me along with any additional disqualification, forfeitures and punishment as determined by the Government of Pakistan.

I have signed this undertaking to-day the \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Leader : Dawa Ongju  
 Name of Leader : Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa  
 Dated : 14-06-2023

COUNTERSIGNED

The Embassy / Tour Operating Agency of Lela Peak Expedition hereby guarantees and undertakes to pay the Government of Pakistan the Environment Damages Fine payable by the leader of above mentioned expedition upto a minimum of US \$ 1000/- (US \$ One thousand only) or any additional fine as determined by Government of Pakistan in terms of aforesaid undertaking in the event of failure of the leader to make the payment in whole or part their - of within the stipulated period.

Seal: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Signature]

Name and Designation: Syed Anwar Ali

Date: 14/06/2023

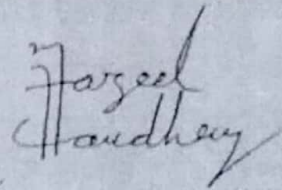


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Permit No. 33

## ENVIRONMENT/CLEANLINESS CERTIFICATE

It is certified that Lola's Peak/Nepal Joint K2 Exp. 2023 Expedition led by  
Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa has ensured the  
cleanliness of environment around the camping sites enroute and at the base  
camp. Hence no violation of the laid down rules and regulation has been  
observed



Signature: .....  
(Liaison Officer )

Name: F/L FAZEEL 17961

Date: 07/08/2025

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
(OPERATION SECTION)

REPORT OF LIAISON OFFICER  
(MOUNTAINEERING)

The liaison Officer will include the following subject in his report, to be submitted to Operation Section on his return from the mountains and during the debriefing. -

1. Environment - pollution control
2. Damage to Plants, shrubs, trees.
3. Were all the porters paid?
4. Did they carry enough kerosene oil to suffice the duration of stay of members of the expedition in the mountains?
5. Did they leave any item of equipment behind?
6. Did they sell any item of equipment?
7. Did they pay respect to the local customs and traditions?
8. Did they avail the facility of helicopter service?
9. Did you receive your allowance in full?
10. Did the Tour Operator provide efficient service?
11. How was the behavior of the local porter, transporter, and hoteliers?
12. Are you willing to accompany the expedition in future?
13. How was the behavior of the leader and the members of the expedition.
14. Any injury or deaths.
15. Did you receive injury or death certificate from the concerned Deputy Commissioner in case injury or fatality of any member of the expedition or porters who accompanied the expedition
16. Did any member(s) of the expedition successfully climb the summit of the mountain?
17. How high did you climb. Do you require a certificate stating the altitude you climbed?
18. Did the members of the expedition party take the authorized route during their approach march and return?
19. How long did it take the party to reach the destination from the last jeepable point?
20. Where did you stay at Gilgit, Skardu, Chitral
21. Where did the members of the expedition stay at Gilgit, Skardu, Chitral
22. Who impressed you the most and why?

Signature

*Fazal Handhey*  
(Liaison Officer)

Name

F/IC FAZEL


Designation

F/IC

Unit

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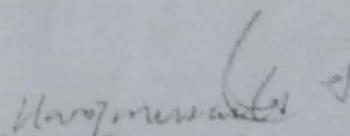
  
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**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SHIGAR**

NO-SDS-M-5(5) 2021 / 1699

Dated the 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**DEATH CERTIFICATE**

As per Roznamcha/ report of Station House Office City Police Station Shigar and reported by Syed Tahir Ali Shah Manager Laila Peak Expedition Skardu dated 03-08-2023. It is certified that Mr. **Muhammad Hassan** S/O Ali CNIC No. 71102-8952745-1 R/O Thamacho UC Tissar District Shigar Nationality **Pakistani** has died on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 during the climbing on K-2.

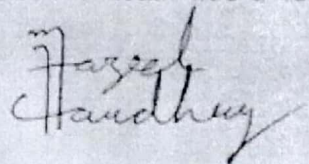
  
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### Death of HA Porter Muhammad Hassan

Mr. Hassan was a HA porter hired by Lela Peak Tours. For the summit push he was attached with the rope fixing team to assist them in carrying their luggage. At Bottle Neck around (8200m) there was some icefall which hit Hassan. He slipped, fell and hung inverted some feet below the bottle neck. His oxygen mask broke and he was also injured due to ice and his fall. While inverted, his abdomen also got exposed making him defenseless against the extreme cold. Finally, after hours of effort at such a high altitude (Death Zone) he was pulled up by fellow climbers. Another HA porter also named Mr. Hassan of Lela Peak Tours was with him when he was pulled up. Mr. Muhammad Hassan breathed his last between 0700hrs - 0800hrs on 27-07-23. No rescue operation was possible at Bottle Neck (8200m) because of the altitude and difficult nature of terrain. The body was left there on the side of Bottle Neck. The Claims regarding the poor equipment, poor climbing skills and lack of experience are totally false and baseless. He was wearing a Down Jacket, Down Trousers and climbing shoes. He had previously worked as a HA porter multiple times and came highly recommended by other HA porters. His death was a very tragic accident.



Muhammad Fazeel Chaudhry

Flight Lieutenant

Liaison Officer

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Ref: \_\_\_\_\_

وفاقیہ نامہ

آج مورخہ 25 مئی 2023 کو سید محمد اکرم ولد عبدالرحمن لیلی ٹیب الپینسٹیشن سکروڈ اور محمد حسن ولد علی سید  
تھما جو تیسرے بٹر کے درمیان یہ معاہدہ طے پایا ہے کہ محمد حسن اس سال 2023 کا سہ ماہیہ میں  
لیلی ٹیب الپینسٹیشن کے ساتھ بطور باغی بورڈر K-2 کے میاز پر کام کرے گا۔  
شرائط درج ذیل ہیں۔

- 1- محمد حسن کو کمپنی کی طرف سے روزانہ کی اجرت مبلغ -/5000 (پانچ ہزار روپے) ادا کی جائے گی
- 2- محمد حسن کو خوردی (equipment) کا ہولہ مبلغ -/25000 (دو لاکھ پچاس ہزار روپے) جو کم ہو تو  
نے ساتھی باغی بورڈر محمد حسن ولد سلطان کی موجودگی میں ایڈوانس وصول کیے
- 3- کمپنی محمد حسن کو روزانہ کی اجرت سکروڈ سے سکروڈ تک کی ادا کرے گی
- 4- انٹیم ٹیس عم کی طرف سے محمد حسن کے فلاح کام کے حوالے سے کوئی جائز شکایت کی صورت میں وہ  
کی اجرت سے کاٹے جائے گی۔
- 5- میاز سمیت کرنے کی صورت میں کمپنی محمد حسن کو ہولہ -/5000 (پانچ ہزار روپے) بطور  
ادا کرے گی۔ یہ چند حروف لکھ دی گئی ہیں تاکہ مندرجہ اور بوقت ضرورت لکھا جائے

فریق اول  
 فریق دوم  
 محمد حسن  
 محمد حسن ولد علی سائیں تھما جو تیسرے بٹر  
 سید محمد اکرم ولد عبدالرحمن لیلی ٹیب الپینسٹیشن سکروڈ

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**JINNAH STADIUM, PAKISTAN SPORTS COMPLEX, ISLAMABAD,**  
**MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION**

Name of Peak/Expedition : Lele's Peak/Nepal 8000 club K-2 Exp. 2023  
Country of Origin : Pak/Nepal  
Name of Leader : Mr. Dawa Chogyi Sherpa  
Result of Expedition : Successful  
Climbing Route / Ridge : Normal Abruzzi route  
Duration of Expedition : 14-06 to 07-08-23

<u>Camps Established</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Date</u>
i. Base Camp	_____	_____
ii. Advance Base Camp	_____	_____
iii. Camp - I	_____	_____
iv. Camp - II	_____	_____
v. Camp - III	_____	_____
vi. Camp - IV	_____	_____
vii. Summit Attempt	_____	_____

Name of Summiters (IN BLOCK LETTERS):

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Summit Date &amp; Time</u>
i. _____	_____	_____
ii. _____	_____	_____
iii. _____	_____	_____
iv. _____	_____	_____
v. _____	_____	_____
vi. _____	_____	_____
vii. _____	_____	_____

Any Problem/Injury:  
Mr. Hassan HA Porter died on Bottle Neck

Fazal Haquey  
Signature of V.O./Guide

Dawa Chogyi  
Signature of Leader

Dated 07/08/23 2023



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

DE-BRIEFING CHECK LIST  
(MOUNTAINRING)

Name of Expedition: Leela's Intl Nepal Pak Joint K-2 Exp, 2023

Name of Leader: Mr. Dawar Ongji Shayan

Name of Liaison Officer: FL Muhd Fazeel Chaudhry

1. Successful or Unsuccessful
2. Cleanliness certificate from Liaison Officer
3. Environmental certificate from Liaison Officer
4. Food arrangements proforma from Liaison Officer.
5. Use of Helicopter certificate (Yes or No)
6. Death certificate (if any) along with Liaison Officer/Leader statement.
7. Climbing certificate for the Liaison Officer.
8. Liaison Officer's willingness certificate to accompany future expeditions
9. Equipment export list.
10. Any Specific proposal(s)/recommendation(s)/complaint(s)
  - i)
  - ii)
  - iii)
  - iv)
  - v)
11. Expedition result/short report by the leader
12. Press Release.
13. Accidents:
 

	Minor	Serious	Fatal
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Mr. Hassan

HA Porter passed away on Bottle Neck of K-2 : (

Khanjani  
Signature of Rep of Alpine Club

Dawar Ongji  
Signature of Leader



File No. 61

Permit No. 32

### SUMMIT CERTIFICATE

It is certified that following member(s) of Lolo's Peak/Wapel ~~2000~~ <sup>2023</sup> ~~2000~~ <sup>2023</sup> Club K-2 Exp  
Expedition ~~2000~~ <sup>2023</sup> led by Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa  
have reached the summit of K-2 Peak and completed  
the summit on the date and time mentioned below: -

<u>S/No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Mr. Tashi Sherpa	27th, July	<del>27th July</del>
2	Mr. Rinjin Sherpa	"	
3	Mr. Mingdukpa Sherpa	"	
4	Mr. Dawa Dorchi Sherpa	"	
5	Mr. Dawa Nupa Sherpa	"	
6	Mr. Haling Dorchi Sherpa	"	
7	Mr. Pem Nurbu Sherpa	"	
8	Mr. Ang Temba Sherpa	"	
9	Mr. Karma Gyaltien Sherpa	"	
10			
11			

Signature: Dawa Ongju  
(Leader of Expedition)

Name: Mr. Dawa Ongju Sherpa  
Date: 07-08-2023

Signature: Fazeel  
(Liaison Officer)

Signature: .....  
(Guide)

Name: .....  
Date: .....

Name: F/L FAZEEL 17961  
Date: 07/08/2023



In June 2023 I traveled to Pakistan to work as a photographer and videographer on Norwegian climber Kristin Harila's project, which aimed to climb the 14 highest mountains in the world and break a world record. After more than a month between roads, camps and villages, we reached the day to climb the last mountain, K2 (8,611 meters). On the evening of July 26th, I left Camp 3 at 8pm to document Kristin's climb and her guide Tenjen Sherpa. Until, around 2:30 am on the 27th, we found a queue at the Bottleneck, the most dangerous stretch of the route, as it is an extremely steep crossing under a serac and at constant risk of avalanches.

In front of me were about ten other climbers standing in the dark. From where I was, I was trying to film the difficulties of the route when I understood that something had happened right ahead. I leaned over a little and saw the desperate scene: a person hanging upside down. There began a real nightmare. We had no idea what had happened, if the person had slipped, if they had been hit by an avalanche or if they felt sick and fell. It just couldn't be understood. But everything indicated that the accident had occurred a short time ago.

Every minute we spent in line increased the anguish and distress caused by the groans of pain that we all heard. It was impossible not to hear. Everything was bleak. In addition to being upside down, the person's torso was completely exposed to the -20 degree cold. I still didn't know if it was a man or a woman, if it was a local worker or a climber from another country. What I did know was that he was a desperate person in need of help, as his life was at risk.

After standing at traffic jam for a while, I realized that whoever was closest didn't know how to deal with that situation. With great difficulty, Kristin, Tejen, and I moved towards the accident, disconnecting from the rope and crossing each of the people in front of us. When we finally got there, we saw that it was a young man. Immediately, one of the things that stood out the most was that he was not wearing supplemental oxygen, or a helmet, or proper clothing such as a downsuit. I didn't understand why he wasn't wearing his gloves either.

With no time to try to understand the precarious condition of that man, or what could have caused that situation, I disconnected my mask and gave some of my oxygen to try to revive him. In an attempt to help him, Tenjen went ahead and put a rope on him and climbed 5 meters to the anchor above the accident to pull him out, but he couldn't. After that, I wrapped small rope around that person's torso to try to equalize his body and get him out of that awkward position. I set up a pulling 3:1 system (which is a rescue technique to help reduce weight), which I improvised with some prussiks (cords) and carabiners, together with that guy's friend (Hassam Shighri), who returned to the accident to assist in the rescue attempt. Kristin and Tenjin went ahead as they heard on the radio that the rope fixing team was in trouble. But I was also limited, as I didn't have an extra meter of rope or an extra ice screw to aid in the rescue. All my equipment had already been used on other occasions, including my piolet, which I gave Kristin's Sherpa to move to the anchorage above that man. All conditions were unfavorable. Even so, I tried everything I could.



The queue at Bottleneck stood still for a long time. Because of this, many people gave up climbing. On the other hand, some completely ignored what was happening there. Several times I felt someone touch my shoulder lightly and say: "Could you go to the side so I can pass, please?". Either way, it was unbelievable. Of course, in that situation, it angered me a lot and, at the same time, I know that people were also terrified to leave that place as quickly as possible. Standing still on the most exposed and dangerous stretch, whatever the mountain, means counting on luck at every second. And not everyone is willing or confident enough to risk their life to try to help someone in such an inhospitable place.

After much effort, we managed to bring him to the small plateau, along with another 8k Sherpa who appeared at the end to help us. All signs indicated that he was hypothermic, as he didn't have the proper clothing and equipment to withstand the cold for that long. To make matters worse, he appeared to have broken legs, because during the fall, the climbing harnesses that he was using ended up on his knees, locking him in the upside down position with his legs completely twisted for at least an hour. I tried to revive him and warm his uncovered hands. I took off my oxygen mask and let him breathe some more. I tried to give him something warm to drink and tell him everything would be fine. But he no longer responded to any stimulus, he didn't give any sign that he was really going to be alright. An extremely sad and tragic feeling was, in slow motion, taking care of me. Looking into his eyes, now almost without any sparkle, I realized that perhaps there was no more hope for porter Muhammad Hassan.

This difficult situation made me very sad. At this point on the mountain, perhaps no man or woman could help carry Hassan down. The Bottleneck path is very narrow and the snow was very inconsistent, falling all the time.

With the first light of day, people began to gather and began to cross the ropes that divided us. At that moment, the 8k sherpa told me that the Fixing rope team would return to help with the rescue. But I didn't imagine how that could be possible. In fact, we were in a very dangerous place and the chance of another accident was very high. Despite having felt a mixture of anger and indignation at the indifference of those around us, we had to accept that we had done everything possible to save him. I didn't want to leave, I didn't want to leave him behind. I wanted to try some more. Even though I knew it would be in vain. Even though I knew I had tried everything. My oxygen cylinder was practically empty and if I didn't leave, maybe I would never get up from there. I said goodbye to Hassan, feeling a mix of feelings that words still don't reach the point of trying to define.



I walked away not believing in everything that had just happened. It didn't take long for my oxygen to run out for good. I spent about thirty minutes breathing the rarefied air of K2. Confused, without any motivation to move forward. In a way, I felt that I had given up on something bigger and that reaching the top of a mountain no longer meant anything. I don't know how, I kept walking until I found our team's Sherpa at another point in the line carrying an extra bottle of oxygen. I still felt bewildered even after breathing again.

It was another difficult moment. I wanted to go down, but I couldn't because of the amount of people going up. The stretch after Bottleneck, where I was, is equally steep and full of blue ice, very smooth and hard, which makes the route extremely arduous. The way out is the same way back. Inside, I just wanted to finish my job, turn around, and be done with it all. Even more so because the forecast was for a drastic change in weather from 10 am onwards. By that time, we should have been back at Camp 3.

Although I felt physically and emotionally drained, I gathered what little strength I had left to catch up again with Kristin's team and the Sherpas who were leading the line securing the ropes to the top of K2. Around 10 am I still hadn't reached them and decided to try to record with the drone the final meters of them approaching the summit. The equipment destabilized in the air, due to the falling snow, and plummeted for more than a thousand meters on the Chinese side of the mountain. There I gave up once again. I don't know exactly where I got the strength from, but I reached 8,611 meters. There was no summit photo for me. I recorded the videos I needed, looked at the landscape that already intubated us inside the clouds and got ready to descend for another 17 hours until I reached base camp again. I just wanted to pass out inside my tent. It was the longest lap I've ever ridden. And also the saddest.

*\* Gabriel Tarso is a mountaineer and outdoor photographer and has more than ten years of experience in high mountains. In May of this year, he reached the top of Mount Everest for the third time in a row.*



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**منوان: بیان بہت فرنگی ہائی پور ٹررز محمد حسن ولد علی سکنی ہمراہ چتر شکر دوستان**  
**کوہ پیما کی (K-2)**

جناب عالی!

میں سید محمد اکبر ولد سید حسین فیاض نمبر لٹی ایک ایکسپڈیشن سکرو سکنی گاندے تحصیل مٹہ روم خلع گمانچے کہ لٹی ایک ایکسپڈیشن 2007ء سے قانونی طور پر گورنمنٹ آف پاکستان سے ٹوریزم کونٹریولرز جسٹریٹجی اور پاکستان میں انٹرنیشنل کلائمبنگ اور ٹریکنگ گروپس کے ساتھ مختلف پہاڑ اور ٹریکنگ روٹس پر کام کر رہے ہیں۔ اسی تسلسل میں ہمارے ساتھ رواں سال بھی موسم گرما میں مختلف غیر ملکی کوچیوں کی ٹیم گئی ہے جو K-2 براؤن ایک، کٹر روم اور ٹانگا پر ت پر آئے۔ جس میں ایک جو اٹھ گروپ نیپال پاکستان مہم جوئی کے لیے K-2 پر آئے جس میں 09 نیپالی، 05 پاکستانی کوچیہ اور دو پاکستانی ہائی پور ٹررز بھی کلائمبنگ پر مٹ نمبر 33 اور آڈی لائسنس آفیسر فلائیٹ لیشنٹ محمد فضل چودھری صاحب کے ساتھ روانہ ہوئے۔ دو پاکستانی ہائی پور ٹررز میں محمد حسن ولد علی بھی شامل تھا۔ محمد حسن ولد علی کو اپنی ذاتی دلچسپی اور حسن ولد سلطان کی سفارش پر لیا گیا تھا اور 250000 روپے بھروسہ Equipment اور 5000 روپے روزانہ کی اجرت پر۔ یہ گروپ 17 جون کو سکرو دو سے روانہ ہوئے اور 24 جون کو K-2 میں کیپ پر پہنچے۔ میں کیپ پہنچنے کے اگلے دن K-2 پر مہم جوئی شروع کرنے کے لیے ساتھیوں اور Personal Equipment کی باقاعدہ وچیک اپ کی گئی اور تمام ممبرز اور ہائی پور ٹررز کے کوچیوں کے سامان مکمل پائے گئے 26 جون سے 20 جولائی تک تمام ممبرز اور ہائی پور ٹررز 3-Camp تک سامان کی ترسیل اور Acclimatization میں مصروف رہے۔

اوپر روایتی سے پہلے آخری میننگ میں حسن ولد سلطان اور محمد حسن ولد علی (مرحوم) کو ان کی رضامندی پر روپ ٹکسٹ کے ساتھ رکھا گیا۔





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23 جولائی کو محمد حسن اور ٹیم بیس کیمپ سے سمن کے لیے روانہ ہوئے اور 24 جولائی کو کیمپ 2 اور 25 جولائی کو کیمپ 3 پہنچے۔ 26 جولائی کو تمام ممبران کے ساتھ کیمپ 4 کی طرف روانہ ہوئے اور 27 جولائی کی صبح 2-K سمن کرنے کا پروگرام بنا۔

ان تمام مہم جوئی کے دوران میں بذات خود بذریعہ ریڈیو / واک ٹانگی پر اپنے تمام ممبرز اور بشمول ہائی پورٹر حسن ولد سلطان اور محمد حسن کے ساتھ رابطے میں رہا۔

مورخہ 27 جولائی کی صبح تقریباً ساڑھے پانچ یا 06 بجے کے قریب واک ٹانگی پر حسن ولد سلطان کی طرف سے کال آئی اور کہا گیا کہ محمد حسن ولد علی دوران کلائمبنگ بوتل تک کے ایریا میں نیچے گرا اور نکالا بھی گیا ہے لیکن اُس کی حالت بہت خراب ہے۔

اطلاع ملتے ہی میں نے محمد حسین (لٹل حسین) مچلوئی جو کہ ہماری دوسری ٹیم کے ساتھ کام کر رہا تھا اور بوتل تک کراس کر کے سمن کی طرف جا رہا تھا اُن سے رابطہ کر کے فوری طور پر محمد حسن کی مدد کے نیچے آنے کی ہدایت دی۔ جس پر مسمی لٹل حسین نے واپس آنے کی حامی بھر دی اور جائے حادثہ کی طرف واپس آیا اور ساتھ ہی میں نے ہماری تیسری ٹیم کے ساتھ ہائی پورٹر بشارت حسین ولد ابوالحسن ساکن سر شگر اور ہائی پورٹر ابراہیم ساکن پورنو سر شگر جو کہ کیمپ 3 میں موجود تھے اُن کو ہدایت کی گئی کہ ضروری کھانے کے سامان آکسیجن، مینٹ اور گیس لے کر جائے حادثہ کی جانب روانہ ہو۔ کچھ گھنٹوں بعد لٹل حسین جو سمن چھوڑ کر نیچے آیا تھا جائے حادثہ پر پہنچ کر اطلاع دی کہ بد قسمتی سے محمد حسن ولد علی کو یارے ہو گئے ہیں۔ (اناللہ وانا الیہ راجعون)۔

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گڑاڑی (پلی) موجود تھا اس کے ذریعے محمد حسن کو اوپر تک لایا گیا کرنے کی وجہ سے اس کا آکسیجن ماسک ٹوٹ چکا تھا اس  
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اور اللہ کو پیارے ہو گئے۔

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## Safety of Pakistani Climbers

This brief report highlights the key points that need to be addressed in order to protect Pakistani mountaineers from accidents, such as the one that took place on K2 with Muhammad Hassan.

### 1) Comprehensive Selection Process

While many people might want to work on the mountain to earn some extra money, there are only a few who are actually capable of fulfilling the duties of a High-Altitude Porter (HAP) or a Mountain Guide. There must be a full proof selection process that ensures only those people climb the mountain who are ready for it. If someone wants to work on an 8000m mountain, he must fulfil the following criteria.

A) At least one 6000m or a 7000m summit

B) Technical Mountaineering Training

### 2) Availability of Required Resources

Once we have gone through the first phase and someone is selected/finalised to work on the mountain in any capacity, that person must have the required resources (equipment, food, etc) to fulfil his/her duties in the best way.

Who is responsible for providing the selected climber with all the resources? Whether it is the tour operator he is working for, or it is his own responsibility, there must be no uncertainty on this part. Even if a person is very strong, he can not survive in death zone without proper equipment.

We must ensure that the responsible party provides the climber with all the required resources. Otherwise, we are just awaiting another accident.



### **3) Insurance**

Every person working on the mountain should have an insurance policy with at least PKR 2 million coverage in case of death and injury. Once again, there can be no uncertainty on whose responsibility is this. When a tour operator chooses a climber (through the given selection process), he must provide his chosen climber (employee for the duration they are working together) with the best insurance policy.

### **4) Rescue Team**

We have a misconception that rescue is only about the heli-evacuation. Even though, helicopters play a huge role in the rescue operations, the importance of a ground rescue team cannot be ignored. We need to establish a ground rescue team. This rescue team must be well equipped and well-funded. This team should always (during the season) be acclimatised, ready and prepared to take part in rescue operations.

Pakistan is blessed with immense potential for Adventure Tourism.

If we implement these steps in a good way, the impact will be huge. InshaALLAH!

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# MOUNTAINEERING RULES AND REGULATIONS



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## 1. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR PERMISSION :

1. A foreign mountaineering expedition desirous of climbing of peak in Pakistan shall apply on the application form (Annexure-A) with one extra copy in the nearest Embassy/Consulate of Pakistan. A copy with a photo copy of royalty receipt should be sent directly to the Tourism Division, F-7/2, Islamabad, Pakistan.
2. Application forms for allotment of peaks should be accepted by a Pakistani Embassy/Consulate during the period of 1st January to 31st December of a year preceding the year in which an expedition is planned.
3. Such application would then be sent by the said Embassy/Consulate immediately to the Tourism Division where they would be processed on "First-come-First served basis".
4. Incomplete application forms or such forms as are received either before or after the stipulated dates may not be entertained.
5. If a party is not sure of the composition of the team, it shall apply stating the fact and without attaching particulars of members with the application form. In such cases peaks will be provisionally booked. A formal permission letter shall issue only after particulars at Annexure-B are received in Tourism Division at least three months in advance of arrival of the party in Pakistan. If particulars of the new members are not received within stipulated period and party arrives in Pakistan, it may delay their departure to the mountains till the clearance of new members is obtained in about a week. Under this procedure a party shall not leave for Pakistan unless it is in receipt of the formal permission letter. No mountaineer would be a member of more than one expedition during a season.
6. A party shall indicate in order of preference, at least 3-4 peaks so that available peaks could be allotted. A party shall be given permission for more than one 8000 metre peaks

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with the special permission by the Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

7. Tourism Division shall endeavour to send the mountaineering permit to a party within 60 days of receipt of application form in Tourism Division. Depending on the availability of the peak for the choiced period, Tourism Division will send provisional booking of the peak upon receipt of the completed application.

8. Government reserves the right to allot a particular peak through any route to more than one party in the same season.

## II. CANCELLATION.

9. Government has the right to cancel the allotment of a peak at any time without assigning any reason. Amount of royalty deposited shall be refunded in such cases.

10. In case, however, a party postpones/cancels its mountaineering plan for its own reasons, it shall so inform the Tourism Division by quickest possible means. In such a case royalty deposited shall neither be refunded nor it could be carried forward for future mountaineering in Pakistan. Change in the booking period during the same mountaineering season is possible subject to availability of the peaks/route for the revised date.

## III. BRIEFING/DE-BRIEFING

11. The expedition upon arrival in Rawalpindi/Islamabad should see the officer concerned in Tourism Division for arranging meeting with the Liaison Officer and assistance on matters like insurance, purchase of rations and allied matters. After completing these formalities leader of the expedition shall ask for a date of formal briefing. For this purpose he shall give a minimum notice of 24 hours excluding Friday and Holidays. The preparatory work would entail a stay of about four-five days in Islamabad/Rawalpindi.

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12. On return from the mountains the leader of the party shall inform the concerned officer in the Tourism Division and obtain a date for debriefing by giving him a minimum notice of 24 hours excluding Friday and holidays.

Note: No party will leave for the mountains without formal briefing or leave the country without formal debriefing.

#### IV. LIAISON OFFICER (L.O).

13. A party shall include in the expedition, as its member at least one L.O. to be detailed by the Government of Pakistan.

14. A party shall pay for his food, accommodation and transport for mountains and back from the reporting date of the expedition in Islamabad till the date the party is debriefed.

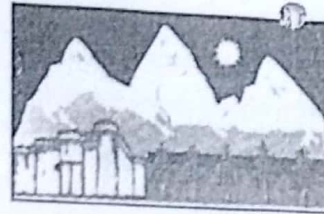
15. During the stay of a party at Rawalpindi/Islamabad the L.O. will be given daily allowance at the rate of US\$ 30/- per day. The L.O. in a city of Northern Areas (such as Skardu, Gilgit etc.) is to be paid US\$ 15/- per day and accommodation.

16. A L.O. shall carry his personal equipment like any other member of the party.

17. A L.O. shall be consulted on routes and local customs and if desired on matters such as transport, accommodation and rations. If however, a leader disagrees with L.O. he shall give him in writing the reasons for such disagreement.

18. A L.O. shall extend maximum assistance to a party in making purchases etc.. He shall, however, not handle any cash nor undertake any financial transactions on behalf of a leader/party.

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#### V. KIT & EQUIPMENT

##### (i) For Liaison Officer

19. A L.O. shall accompany a party to a maximum height with the consent of the leader or atleast stay at the base camp till the party descends and return with the party for debriefing at Islamabad. For this purpose a party shall provide him, free of cost necessary kit and equipment as detailed at Annexure-C in order to enable him to perform his duties without any risk to his person.

20. Kit/equipment for L.O. should be brought to his measurements sent to a party in advance. If a party does not receive measurements before its departure for Pakistan it may bring standard size kit and equipment. Shirts and Jean trousers may be purchased in Pakistan to avoid size problems.

##### (ii) For Low Altitude Porters

21. A low altitude porter shall accompany a party upto the base camp (Maximum height 5,500 metres). For this purpose a party shall provide him with standard kit/equipment as detailed at Annexure-D free of cost.

22. In case a low altitude porter is desired by the party to go above 5,500 metres (except passess enroute) he shall be entitled to kit/equipment and ration as prescribed for high altitude porters at Annexure-E.

23. The cook will be provided the kit/equipment (except climbing tools) of a high altitude porter.

##### (iii) For High Altitude Porters:

24. A party shall arrange to provide, free of cost, standard kit and equipment to a high altitude porter as detailed at Annexure-E. in order to enable him to perform his duties.

##### (iv) For Communication:

25. A party shall be equipped with reasonable communication means such as Walkie talkie, Radio/Transistor set, and a high powered transmitter for communication from mountains with district headquarters (optional frequencies allotted are 5201 KHZ, 6996-KHZ, 10282-KHZ, 15951-KHZ and 16411-KHZ).

(v) **General:**

26. Kit/equipment for porters shall be handed over to them in the presence of L.O. prior to the start of caravan.

27. No party shall be allowed to proceed to its destination if the kit/equipment provided by it to L.O./Porters is found incomplete or sub-standard in quality. Before leaving Rawalpindi/Islamabad a L.O. shall satisfy himself that the kit/equipment is complete and of required standard. Kit and equipment given to L.O. is returnable but, the items of personal use and clothing such as Jackets, Trousers, Shirts, Gloves, Socks, Caps, approach march boots, Pull overs, ruck sack and sleeping bag are to be retained by the Liaison Officer.

28. Use of communication system: It will be advisable to carry proper Communication System by a party. The L.O. will also be provided appropriate communicational equipment. The obtaining clearance of Communication system to be used by the party is indispensable which should be intimated well in time on prescribed form (Annexure-K).

#### VI. Import/Export of Equipment/Kit

29. Equipment, non-consumable and consumable stores imported by a party into Pakistan shall be subject to the following conditions :

a. Equipment and non-consumable stores will be allowed temporary entry free of customs duty and sales tax leviable there on subject to an undertaking (Annexure-F) being furnished by a leader of the expedition to the effect that the equipment etc. will be re-exported out of Pakistan on completion of the mission and that no part of it will be sold or otherwise disposed of in Pakistan, failing which duty and sales tax leviable thereon will be paid.

b. Consumable stores and medicines will be allowed exemption from customs duty and sales tax subject to the said undertaking (Annexure-F) being furnished by the leader of the expedition to the effect that they will be used for the purpose for which they

that they will be used for the purpose for which they have been imported and will not be sold or otherwise disposed off in Pakistan failing which customs duty and sales tax leviable thereon will be paid. The unconsumed portion will be re-exported out of Pakistan on completion of the mission.

c. Above conditions shall not apply when donation of consumable stores and medicines etc. is made in Pakistan with the prior permission of the Government and for which official receipt will be issued.

30. A party shall send to Tourism Division an application in triplicate as per said Annexure-F alongwith three copies of the list of equipment. Cost price of all the items shall also be shown on the said list. Tourism Division shall return one copy to the party after affixing signature/seal. Another copy shall be sent to the customs authority at the point of entry who shall clear the equipment when it arrives with a party.

31. If some equipment is to be sent to Pakistan in advance, Tourism Division shall be so informed. In that case one copy of the application at the said Annexure-F alongwith its enclosures, shall be handed over to a clearing and forwarding agent to be nominated for this purpose by a party. Another copy shall be sent to the customs authority at the point of entry.

32. After clearance of the equipment, the local agency shall have to arrange for its transport, storage and protection till it is handed over to the party on arrival. He shall also pay local octroi duty, if any. He shall be advised to contact a representative of Tourism Division in case of difficulty.

#### VII. WAGES OF PORTERS & TRANSPORT HIRE CHARGES

33. A rough idea on wages and charges for animal and mechanical transport will be communicated to the party alongwith the formal permission letter.



34. Payment of wages to porters shall be made when they are discharged. However, if a porter requires an advance payment, this may be given in the presence of L.O./Guide and receipt obtained.

35. In addition to daily wages, a party shall provide to a low altitude porter free rations as per Annexure-G or money in lieu of rations, as fixed by the Government from the day he is engaged till the day he is discharged.

36. Similarly, free rations shall be provided to high altitude porter as per Annexure-H from the day he goes above 5,500 metres.

37. Except in the case of sickness/injury no wages shall be paid to a porter for a day on which he does not work. If however, a party wants to have a rest day then porter(s) shall be paid full wages etc.

38. For forced halts on bad weather days a party shall pay to porter full daily wages and rations. Decision of a leader about movement on such days shall be final. If, however, L.O. feels that the weather is too bad to march, he may ask the leader to halt the party. In case of disagreement with the advice of L.O. the leader should give in writing the reasons for such disagreement.

39. A porter marching with a party for more than seven days shall be allowed every seventh day as holiday with full daily wages etc.

#### VIII. INSURANCE :

40. A Liaison Officer shall be covered by an insurance of Rs.300,000/- (Rupees three hundred thousand) only. In case of partial disablement the amount of compensation shall be proportionate to the percentage of disablement as declared by a competent authority.

41. A high altitude porter shall be insured for a sum of Rs.200,000 (Rupees two hundred thousand) only. In case of partial disablement, the amount, of compensation shall be

proportionate to the percentage of disablement as declared by a Civil Surgeon

42. A low altitude porter shall be insured for a sum of Rs.100,000/- (Rupees one hundred thousands) only. In case a partial disablement, the amount, of compensation shall be proportionate to the percentage of disablement as declared by a Civil Surgeon.

43. Insurance cover shall be provided through a Pakistani company and Government shall help a party in getting this facility in Pakistan if so requested.

#### IX. MEDICAL TREATMENT

44. If in the opinion of a doctor/first aid specialist evacuation of a sick/injured porter from the mountain to a hospital in a district headquarters like Gilgit, Skardu or Chitral is necessary then the said party shall pay for his evacuation by a helicopter or other means. In case a L.O. feels that the porter is very sick and is not being evacuated, he shall ask the leader to arrange for his evacuation. If the leader disagrees with the advice of L.O. he shall give him in writing the reasons for such disagreement. The said statement would also need to be countersigned by the expedition's doctor/first-aid specialist.

45. A party is not responsible to pay for the evacuation and medical treatment of a sick/injured L.O. as the same shall be borne by his detailing/recommending authority.

46. During sickness/injury in the mountains or hospitalization, a party shall pay half of the daily wages to a porter till the date it leaves the district headquarters for Rawalpindi/Islamabad.

47. Medical facilities including surgical operations etc are generally provided free of cost in Pakistani hospitals. Should some sickness/injuries to porters entail some expenditure, a party shall pay for the same. In case of death of a porter/cook or other hired person, the expedition would be responsible for

the transportation of the dead body from the place of the casualty to the place of hiring.

#### X. ROYALTY :

48. Following are royalty rates for scaling peaks of various height in Pakistan :-

S/No. Height of Peaks Royalty For each additional member in US \$ exceeding 7 per team an additional fee at the following rate will be charged.

1.	K-2 (8611 M)	12,000	\$ 3,000
2.	8001-8500 (M)	9,500	\$ 3,000
3.	✓ 7501-8000 (M)	4,000	\$ 1,000
4.	✓ 7001-7500 (M)	2,500	\$ 500
5.	6000-7000 (M)	1,500	\$ 300

(These rates are subject to periodic revision). Additional fee will be charged if the number of party is for more than one peak the additional number is to pay for the other peak also.

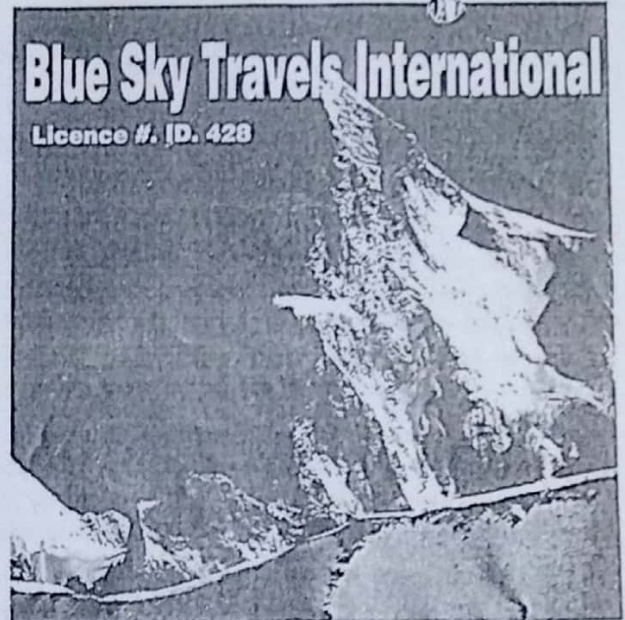
Note: Expeditions are required to deposit full amount of royalty with the nearest Embassy/Consulate/Tourism Division Government of Pakistan at the time of making an application for booking of a peak. The Head of account for depositing the royalty is :-

"1391-Fees, Fines and Forfeitures" for accounting of the receipt relating to royalty, trekking fee realised from Mountaineering and Trekking.

49. An Embassy/Consulate shall forward to the Tourism Division a copy of the royalty receipt issued to the expedition. Amount of royalty, number and date of receipt issued may clearly be mentioned on the covering letter.

50. A party shall indicate in its application form its order of preference for attempting the peak. In case the preference of a party is for the allotment of lower peak and the party is allotted a higher peak out of its preference it shall deposit the

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Balance of the royalty within two weeks of receipt of communication from Tourism Division. In case the balance amount is not deposited within the stipulated period the allotment shall automatically stand cancelled. The amount of royalty collected shall not be refunded to the party whose allotment has been cancelled.

51. In case the first preference of a party is for the allotment of a higher peak but it is allotted a lower peak out of its preference the balance of the royalty shall be refunded to it by the concerned Embassy/Consulate of Pakistan on receipt of a letter of authorization from the Tourism Division.

52. It shall be binding on a party to accept the allotment of a peak if it is one of those mentioned by it in its application form. In case of refusal to accept the allotment, the amount of royalty stand forfeited.

53. If a party indicates its order of preference within a list of peaks submitted by it and all those peaks have already been allotted to other parties, it shall be asked to identify more peaks. In case of its inability to do so, the whole of its royalty shall be refunded to it.

54. A foreign-cum-Pakistan party and a Pakistani-cum-foreign party shall deposit the full amount of royalty for the allotment of a peak. In case it qualifies for a discount of 50% on the royalty the balance of the amount shall be refunded to it accordingly.

Note: A foreign expedition party shall be allowed to get Pakistani member only from any Pakistani Mountaineering Club registered with the Tourism Division. Similarly such a Pakistani Club shall be allowed to organise a Pakistani-cum-Foreign expedition if it is registered with the Tourism Division.

### XI. PHOTOGRAPHY

#### (i) Aerial Photography

55. Aerial photography of mountain peaks enroute to Northern Areas and Chitral is allowed after notifying the pilot of an aircraft or the Liaison Officer.

(ii) **Still Photography**

56. A party shall not photograph the following objects during its stay in Pakistan:

- Any Army, Navy and Air Force installations.
- Any equipment of Armed Forces' such as ships/establishments, guns, tanks, vehicles, aircrafts and arms etc.
- Any Pakistan Aerodromes or its connected buildings and installations.
- Any tribal lady/ladies.
- Any other notified prohibited area/place.

iii) **Making of Commercial Film including T.V.**

57. Subject to above, a party attempting a peak, situated in closed zone (i.e. 10 mile belt and 30 mile belt of Pakistan border with foreign countries) may take photographs/make films under the direct supervision of a L.O.

58. For this purpose, a party shall identify one member of its team as the photographer for shooting of a film of academic interest. If, however, a party wants to include in the team some professional photographers for shooting of a professional films, the professional photographer(s) in that case shall be accompanied by an additional L.O. under the same Terms and Conditions as for the L.O. Under this arrangement, professional photographers shall not be allowed to break into units.

59. Export of such films out of Pakistan shall be allowed only after the L.O. has certified that defence installations and prohibited areas/places were not photographed.

60. A L.O. shall inform a party of the objects which are allowed to be photographed/filmed. If he is convinced that key/defence installations are being photographed, he shall forbid the photographer from taking such photographs or making such films. If a photographer does not comply with his advice, the matter shall be reported to police who shall proceed against such photographer under official Secrets Act, 1923.

61. Still photographs, commercial films and films of academic interest taken/made in rest of Pakistan shall not be subject to these restriction except restrictions mentioned at para 54 and 58.

62. Permission to photography is subject to the condition that a party shall supply to the Government of Pakistan free of cost and freight one copy/print of film of academic interest/commercial film made and one set of photograph taken.

## XII. JOINT EXPEDITION PARTIES :

### (a) *Foreign-cum-Pakistan party :*

63. A party assuming the nature of a joint expedition, which would include Pakistanis as climbers, shall get a discount of 50% on the amount of royalty. In this case the number of Pakistani climbers shall not be less than half of the total number of foreign members in a party including its leader. In special cases the Tourism Division may relax the number of Pakistanis to one-third of foreigners.

64. If, however, the said one-third number cannot be mustered then there shall be no collaboration between a Pakistani party and a foreign party.

65. Particulars of Pakistani climbers, in five copies, shall be obtained on proforma at Annex.'I' by a foreign party from any Pakistani Alpine Club which shall ensure that experienced climbers are nominated for the purpose on all Pakistan basis. These particulars shall then be attached to an application form.

66. Under these arrangements a leader shall be a foreigner while deputy leader shall be a Pakistani.

### (b) *Pakistan-cum-Foreign party :*

67. A Pakistani party which may include in its expedition foreign national as members, shall pay 50% of the royalty chargeable for a peak proposed to be attempted. In this case the number of foreign climbers shall not exceed that of Pakistani climbers or be less than one-third of the total number



of Pakistanis. However, a party having a single foreigner will stand exempted from the operation of this para.

68. Particulars of all foreign climbers shall be obtained by a Pakistani party on proforma at Annexure-B and supplied in five copies, alongwith an application form at Annexure-A to Tourism Division at least 4 months in advance of their arrival.

69. Under these arrangements a leader shall be Pakistani while a deputy leader may be a foreigner.

70. A foreign-cum-Pakistani or a Pakistani-cum-foreign expedition party shall be accompanied by a L.O.

71. A party consisting of Pakistani climbers only shall, however, be exempt from payment of royalty. It shall, however, deposit with Tourism Division particulars of all the members, including the leader on proforma at Annexure 'I'. Pakistani expeditions need no L.O.'s

72. Foreigners and Pakistanis climbing peaks under these arrangements shall be subject to relevant provisions of these Terms and Conditions wherever applicable.

73. Only two joint expeditions will be allowed (on first-cum-first basis) every year which are to be recommended by a Club registered with Pakistan Sports Board/affiliated with the U.I.A.A.

### XIII. ACCIDENTS :

74. In case of accident/death of a member of a party, the leader shall notify the L.O. who shall report the matter to the nearest police station and get in touch with Deputy Commissioner of the area for any assistance that may be felt necessary.

75. If any assistance from the Pakistan Army is needed, the L.O. shall so inform the Deputy Commissioner who shall arrange such assistance.

76. If helicopter is needed, FCNA/Local Administration should arrange for the same, on payment basis. Mountaineering expeditions will guarantee rescue operation up to the tune of US\$ 4000 or provide guarantee from their respective Diplomatic Mission in Pakistan or an undertaking

76. From Government approved Tour Operators among which they will not be allowed to attempt peaks in Pakistan.

77. In case of death of a member, a L.O. shall obtain, necessary death certificate from local Deputy Commissioner before leaving the area

78. In case of accident/death of a low/high altitude porter, action shall be taken on the above lines. In addition, a L.O. shall obtain from the Civil Surgeon concerned a certificate of his/their disablement/death for insurance purposes.

79. In case of injury/death of L.O. the leader shall inform the Deputy Commissioner of the area who, in turn, shall inform the army authorities/Tourism Division.

### XIV. FOREIGN EXCHANGE :

80. A party shall invariably encash Foreign Exchange from an authorised bank/money changer. For this purpose a certificate about the amount of Foreign Exchange surrendered shall be obtained from the said bank/authorised money changer.

81. Exchange booths of banks authorised to deal in Foreign Exchange at the exit points are authorised to reconvert upto Rs.500/- per person out of the unspent balance of Pak. Rupees obtained by encashment of foreign currency. For reconversion of the amount exceeding the said limit an office of the State Bank of Pakistan shall be approached through a bank authorised to deal in foreign exchange.

82. A party shall convert its foreign currency, into Pak. Rupee at Rawalpindi/Islamabad which shall then be taken to Gilgit/Skardu and Chitral. A party may, however, deposit the surplus/reserve amount in a bank at the above mentioned places, before leaving for mountains.

83. Encashment of Foreign Exchange from anybody other than a bank or an authorised money changer is an offence under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947.

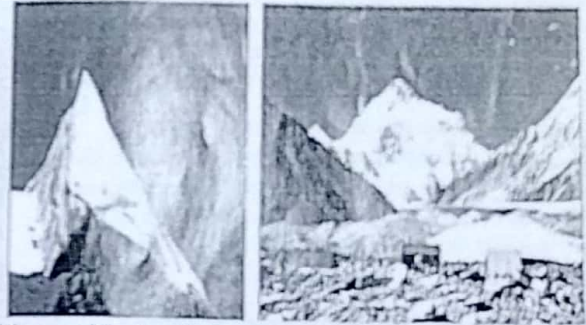
## XV. OBSERVANCE OF SECURITY AND CONDITIONS FOR PUBLICATION OF MATERIAL :

84. A party shall confine its activities to its objectives as declared in the application form.
85. A party shall not indulge in any activity that might offend the religious sentiments and social or moral usages and customs of the local people.
86. A party shall not at any stage operate in more than one area and scale more than one peak.
87. Also a party shall not scale a peak by a route which goes through another peak.
88. A party shall not split into small groups while in the mountains. In cases of emergency a L.O. has the authority to allow splitting of a party.
89. A party shall not deviate from the specified route except in an emergency and with the permission of a L.O.
90. Maps etc if applied for and issued to a party shall be returned to the Government of Pakistan through L.O. before an expedition's departure from Pakistan. A nominal amount of non-refundable money may also need to be deposited with the Government for use of these maps.
91. Duplicate copies of photographic data collected during mountain climbing etc. shall be handed over to L.O.
92. Should a party be of mountaineering-cum-scientific or exclusively scientific nature, the leader shall submit to the Pakistan authorities concerned for inspection of all the data/specimens/collections etc.
93. Export of all such collection without the prior permission of the Government of Pakistan is prohibited.
94. A leader shall also provide a set of all such specimens to the Government of Pakistan.
95. Copies of research papers/documents prepared shall also be supplied, in duplicate, to the Government of Pakistan.

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## XVI. ENVIRONMENTAL CARE CODE :

96. It is imperative to keep the mountains clean. Instructions contained in the subsequent paras on the subject shall be strictly observed.

97. Every mountaineering party irrespective of its size shall contribute US\$ 200/- or equivalent in Pakistani currency for Environment Protection Fund. The Head of Account for depositing this contribution is "Receipt of Tourism Division 130000-139000". This could be deposited by expeditions after their arrival in Pakistan in the State Bank of Pakistan or in the authorised branch of National Bank of Pakistan.

98. Mountaineering parties shall also deposit refundable amount of US\$ 1000/- or equivalent in Pakistani currency in the authorised bank in Pakistan. The amount would be subject to forfeiture in full or in part thereof in case the expedition or any of its members causes damage to environment.

99. A party shall leave a camping site clean. On return, a L.O. shall furnish a certificate that this condition has been fully complied with by a party.

100. A party or its porters shall not damage the forest or animal wealth of the area. On return, a L.O. shall furnish a certificate that this condition has also been fully complied with by a party.

101. In case it is established that a certain liaison officer gave false certificate, the matter would be brought to the notice of his detailing authority who would proceed against him/her under the laid down rules on the subject. In case of a Civilian Liaison Officer or guide his/her registration would be cancelled and he/she would be disqualified as a guide for a period of four years.

102. In case of breach of these rules (para 1-101), a party or all the members of such a party shall be disqualified for any further mountaineering expedition to Pakistan for a period of four years. In addition to this they may also be proceeded against under the relevant laws.

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS

103. A party shall engage porters through local administration.

104. A low altitude porter shall carry a maximum weight of 25 kilos. He shall cover a minimum distance of 10 kilometers and a maximum distance of 13 kilometers per day with suitable stoppages of 5-10 minutes after every hour. If there are some traditional night halts on the way, which are short of the said 10-13 kilometers, then a porter may stay there for the night. He shall have to make up for the loss of mileage the next day.

105. A high altitude porter shall carry maximum weight according to the following scale :-

a)	Height between 5,001 to 6,000 metres.	20 k.gs.
b)	Height between 6,001 to 7,000 metres.	17 k.gs.
c)	Height between 7,001 to 8,000 metres.	14 k.gs.
d)	Beyond 8,000 metres.	12 k.gs.

106. While carrying this load beyond a base camp a porter shall make only one trip from one camp to another. This trip would be inclusive of going up and coming down. Leader of a party shall use his discretion in setting up of camps beyond the said base camp by taking into consideration the location of mountains, terrain and areas of avalanches.

107. A porter shall sign an undertaking of good behaviour as per Annexure 'J'. One copy of the said undertaking shall be deposited with a representative of local administration. Another copy shall be handed over to the leader. The third copy shall be provided to the porter.

108. A party shall try to follow the date of arrival as fixed by the Government in order to avoid pressure on transport and accommodation.

109. As soon as a party gets the permission letter, it shall immediately get in touch with the nearest PIA Office or an office of any other airline for reservation of seats and booking

of equipment from Rawalpindi to Northern Area/Chitral by giving the following information :-

- i) Number of persons.
- ii) Total weight of equipment to be flown.
- iii) Probable dates of flights from Rawalpindi Northern Areas/Chitral.

110. Flights to N.As, and Chitral are subject to weather conditions and as such PIA or any other airline may not be able to give firm dates of bookings. In such cases, a party would need to request the PIA/any other airline to pass on the above information to Officer Incharge, Northern Areas, PIA Office, The Mall, Rawalpindi.

111. A party shall come prepared to stay for a period of 2-3 weeks in Rawalpindi and N.As/Chitral, respectively, in case the weather suddenly turns bad.

112. A party shall have to register itself with Foreigners Registration Officer in the Office of Senior Superintendent of Police at Rawalpindi before leaving for mountains. Similarly a party shall inform the said Foreign Registration Officer before leaving Rawalpindi/Islamabad on departure from Pakistan.

113. To obviate language difficulty, a party coming from non-english speaking country, shall invariably include in an expedition an english speaking member.

114. A party shall not serve forbidden items like pork etc. to L.O./porters.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR WINTER MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS VISITING PAKISTAN

#### A. LIAISON OFFICER:

The Terms and Conditions for Liaison Officer would remain the same as provided under item IV above except the following :-

Kit & Equipment: The kit and equipment would be of such a make and quality which can withstand the extreme temperature of -35°C to -40°C



B. **PORTERS :**

The Terms and Conditions for porters (both high and low altitude) would remain the same as provided under item VII above except the following :-

- (i) Rations : The scale of rations would be the same for both low & high altitude porters as indicated in Annex-H of the Mountaineering Rules and Regulations.
- (ii) Kit & Equipment : The items of kit and equipment would remain the same for both low and high altitude porters as are mentioned in Annex-E. The equipment shall be of the quality that is tested against a temperature of -35°C to -40°C
- (iii) Wages :
  - a) Low altitude porter - double the normal summer wages + Rs.50/- per day in lieu of rations.
  - b) High altitude porter - double the normal summer wages + Rs.50/- per day in lieu of rations.

C. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- a) A low altitude porter shall carry a maximum weight of 20 kg upto base camp.
- b) A high altitude porter shall carry a maximum weight of 12 kg.

**ANNEXURE 'A'**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS**

1. Country of expedition's origin
2. Name of expedition.
3. Name of leader.
4. Nature of expedition.  
(Tick applicable) :
  - (i) Sports
  - (ii) Sports-cum-scientific
  - (iii) Exclusively scientific
5. If sports and sports-cum-scientific, tick applicable :-
  - (i) Mountaineering
  - (ii) Mountaineering-cum-scientific

Note No. 1. - Explanatory notes, if any, may be added in the form of annexures.
6. If exclusively scientific, tick applicable :
 

1. Geological <input type="checkbox"/>	2. Geographical <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Zoological <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Botanical <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Medical <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Any other <input type="checkbox"/>

(specify)
7. Particulars about arrival/departure :
  - i) Approximate date of entry into Pakistan.
  - ii) Name of points of entry
  - iii) Approximate date of arrival at Rawalpindi/Islamabad.
  - iv) Approximate date of return to Rawalpindi from mountains.
8. Total number :
  - i) Members including leader.
  - ii) Reserve
  - iii) Total.

Note No.2: Attach particulars of each member including leader and reserves, in Annexure 'B'.
9. Transport/porters (required) :-
  - i) Jeeps (.....)
 

Number
  - ii) Trailer (.....)
 

Number
  - iii) Animals (.....)
 

Number

iv) Low altitude porters (.....) Number

v) High altitude porters (.....) Number

10. Particulars of peak(s) to be climbed :
- (a) List atleast four peaks in order of preference.
- (b) For identification attach :
- (i) area map.
  - (ii) route map (Please identify important places.

Preference No. 1:

- i) Name of peak.
- ii) Height.
- iii) Latitude.
- iv) Longitude.
- v) Distance from Pak. border.
- vi) Route to be adopted. (Identify important villages/places/face/Ridge through which the peak is to be attempted).
- vii) Location of base camp.
- viii) Is the peak virgin? Yes No.
- ix) If no, enclose a resume of all the parties that have conquered it. Also identify the years and names of persons conquering it.

Note No.3 - Applicants asking for allotment of peaks in Karakoram Range may identify as an alternative choice one peak from the Hindu Kush Range.

Reference Nos. 2 to 4 :

- list items (i) to (ix) above in respect of each peak.
11. Is it a foreign-cum-Pakistani expedition? Yes No.
12. If yes, indicate the following :-
- i) Total of Pakistani members including Deputy Leader.
  - ii) Reserve.
  - iii) Total :

Note No.4. - Attach particulars of each Pakistani member, including a Deputy leader and reserve, in proforma at Annex.'I'

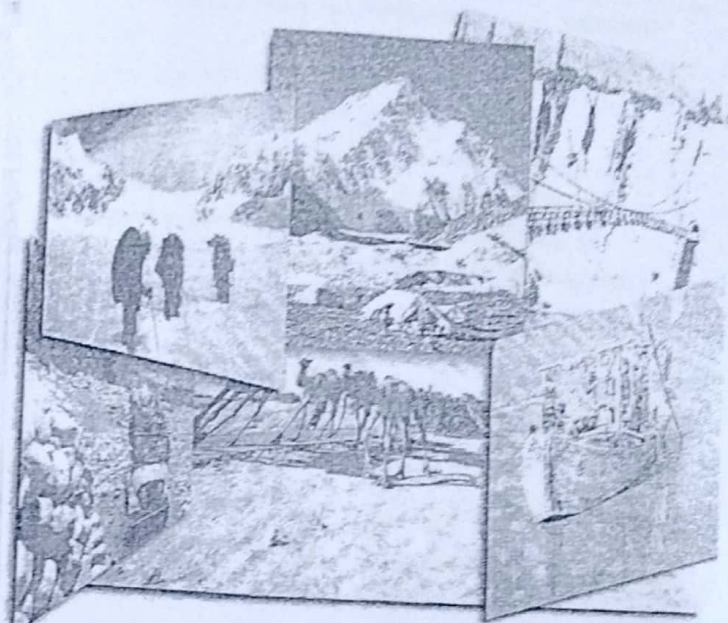
13. Is it a Pakistan-cum-foreign expedition? Yes No

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- 14 If yes, indicate the following -
- i) Total of foreign members including Deputy leader.
  - ii) Reserve
  - iii) Total.

**Note No.5.** - Attach particulars of foreign members, including a Deputy Leader and reserve, in proforma of Annex 'B'.

**Note No.6.** - Score out such columns as are not applicable (Columns 11-14).

15. (a) Do you propose shooting of a film? Yes No  
 (b) If yes, whether it is commercial Commercial  
 film or a film of academic interest Academic  
 interest  
 (c) Size of film .....  
 (d) Approximate length of film .....

16 I hereby declare that the information given by me is true to the best of my knowledge. It further declare that I shall abide by the current terms and conditions, laid down by the Government of Pakistan for climbing peaks which I have read carefully.

1. Signature of leader .....
2. Name in Block letters .....
3. Date .....

Counter signature by  
 Embassy of Pakistan .....  
 (Place)

### ANNEXURE - 'B'

#### PARTICULARS OF LEADER AND MEMBERS OF AN EXPEDITION PARTY

1. Name of member/leader Mr./Mrs./Miss.....
2. Nationality.
3. Residential address.
4. Occupational address.
5. Date of birth.

6. Place of birth.
  7. Passport number.
  8. Date of issue of passport.
  9. Place of issue of passport.
  10. Most recent dates of visits to Pakistan with places (For one year only).
  11. Duties to be performed during climb.
  12. Tel (Off.) ..... (Res.).....
  13. Fax (Off.) ..... (Res.).....
  14. E.mail .....
- Note: The form must be filled in complete, those found incomplete will not be entertained.

**ANNEXURE-'C'**

**SCALE OF EQUIPMENT FOR LIAISON OFFICER**

S.No.	Details of items of Kit & Equipment required	Quantity
<b>(i) Clothing :</b>		
1.	Woolen underwear (Leggings).	2 numbers
2.	Woolen vests.	-do-
3.	Worsted Shirts.	-do-
4.	Woolen Pullover.	1 number
5.	Jean trousers.	2 number
6.	High altitude suit (including high altitude jacket)	1 number
7.	Anork with wind/snow proof jacket and trousers.	-do-
8.	Hand gloves (snow proof).	4 number (two pairs)
9.	Balaclava (Hand Knitted cap.	1 number
10.	Normal type cap (Sun cap)	-do-
11.	Woolen trousers.	-do-
<b>(ii) Footwear :</b>		
12.	Approach march boots.	1 pair
13.	High altitude boots.	1 pair
14.	Socks/stocking (woolen).	4 pairs
15.	Gaiter	1 pair
16.	Foot gloves (over boots).	1 pair

- (iii) **Beddings:**
17. Sleeping bag (complete outer and inner). 1 number
18. Air mattress/Foam mattress (water proof). 1 number
- (iv) **Shelter :**
19. Two men tent 1 number
- (v) **Equipment :**
20. Rucksack. 1 number
21. Snow glare glasses. -do-
22. Ice axe. -do-
23. Ice hammer -do-
24. Safety helmet -do-
25. Crampon -do-

**ANNEXURE - 'D'**

**SCALE OF EQUIPMENT FOR LOW ALTITUDE PORTERS**

S.NO	Details of items of Kit & Equipment required	Quantity
1.	Gas/Petrol/Oil Stove. (Depending on altitude).	1 number
2.	Tarpulin/Top (4 to 4 metes size maximum) with nylon chords.	1 number (For 8 persons)
3.	Ordinary rain coat/plastic sheets of appropriate size for cover against rain.	1 number per person
4.	Shoes	1 pair
5.	Socks	1 pair
6.	Sun glasses	1 pair



ANNEXURE - F

SCALE OF EQUIPMENT/KIT PER HEAD FOR HIGH ALTITUDE PORTERS

S.No	Details of items of Kit & Equipment required	Quantity
(i)	Kit :	
1.	Worsted trousers for approach march.	1 pair
2.	Worsted shirts.	1 pair
3.	Jersey/pullover (Woolen)	1 pair
4.	High altitude jacket/suit and trousers.	1 pair
5.	Anork (Wind/Snow-proof suit complete with trousers).	1 pair
6.	Hand gloves (Snow proof)	2 number
7.	Head wear	1 number
8.	Woolen vests.	2 number
(ii)	Footwear	
9.	Approach march boots	1 pair
10.	High altitude boots.	1 pair
11.	Socks/stockings.	3 pairs.
12.	Over boots.	1 pair
(iii)	Bedding :	
13.	Sleeping bag (complete).	1 number
14.	Air mattress/Foam mattress (water proof).	1 number
(iv)	Shelter :	
15.	Tent (preferably one for four porters).	For all porters
(v)	Equipment :	
16.	Ice axe.	1 number
17.	Snow Glare Glasses.	1 number
18.	Ropes and other equipment	As per requirements.
19.	Crampons.	1 pair
(vi)	Cooking Equipment	
20.	Gas/Petrol/Oil Stoves.	Depending on altitude and number of persons
21.	Pressure cooker and utensils for cooking/leating.	-do-
26.		

ANNEXURE - F

To The Secretary to the Government of Pakistan, Tourism Division, Islamabad.

Subject. IMPORT/EXPORT OF MOUNTAINEERING/ TREKKING EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL BY (Name of leader)

Leader of (Name of party)

To (Name of peak)

Dear Sir,

I propose to import the equipment/material/consumable stores as per list enclosed in respect of above mentioned expeditions/trekking party. Cost/price has been indicated against each item.

2. I undertake that the equipment and non-consumable stores etc. will be exported out of Pakistan on completion of the mission and that no part of it will be sold or otherwise disposed off in Pakistan failing which I shall pay customs duty and sales tax leviable thereon plus penalty, if any, as may be fixed by the Government

3. I further undertake that consumable stores including medicines as imported by me will be used for the purpose for which they will be imported and will not be sold or otherwise disposed off in Pakistan. The non-consumable portion will be re-exported out of Pakistan on completion of mission. No part of it shall be sold or otherwise disposed off in Pakistan except in accordance with para-27 of the Terms and Conditions, failing which I shall pay customs duty and sales tax if any, as fixed by the Government of Pakistan.

Enclosures (No.) copies.

Yours truly,

(Name of leader)

Passport No.

Dated

No.

Government of Pakistan  
TOURISM DIVISION

Islamabad, the 199

Counter-signed and sent for  
immediate necessary action with reference  
to CBR's Notification No SRO 881(1)/85, dated 18th Sept. 1985

(Stamp/Seal)

A copy is also forwarded to the Leader/Deputy Leader  
of the party/clearing forwarding agent

ANNEXURE - 'G'

SCALE OF RATIONS PER HEAD FOR LOW  
ALTITUDE PORTERS

1. Atta (wheat flour)	22 Ozs. per day
2. Ghee (Cooking Oil)	2.5 Ozs. per day
3. Sugar	2 Ozs. per day
4. Tea	1/2 Oz per day
5. Milk	2 Ozs. per day (Fresh/tinned).
6. Salt.	1/2 Oz per day
7. Dal Chana (Fried)	2 Ozs. per day
8. Dal (pulses)	1 Ozs. per day
9. Cigarettes	10 sticks per day
10. Match Box	1 per week
11. Meat	3 1/2 Ozs. per day
12. Onions dried	1/4 Oz. per day
13. Condiment Powder	1/4 Oz. per day

ANNEXURE - 'H'

SCALE OF RATIONS PER HEAD FOR HIGH  
ALTITUDE PORTERS

1. Atta (wheat flour)	22 Ozs. per day.
2. Ghee (Cooking Oil)	4 Ozs per day.
3. Rice	6 Ozs per day.
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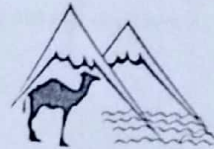
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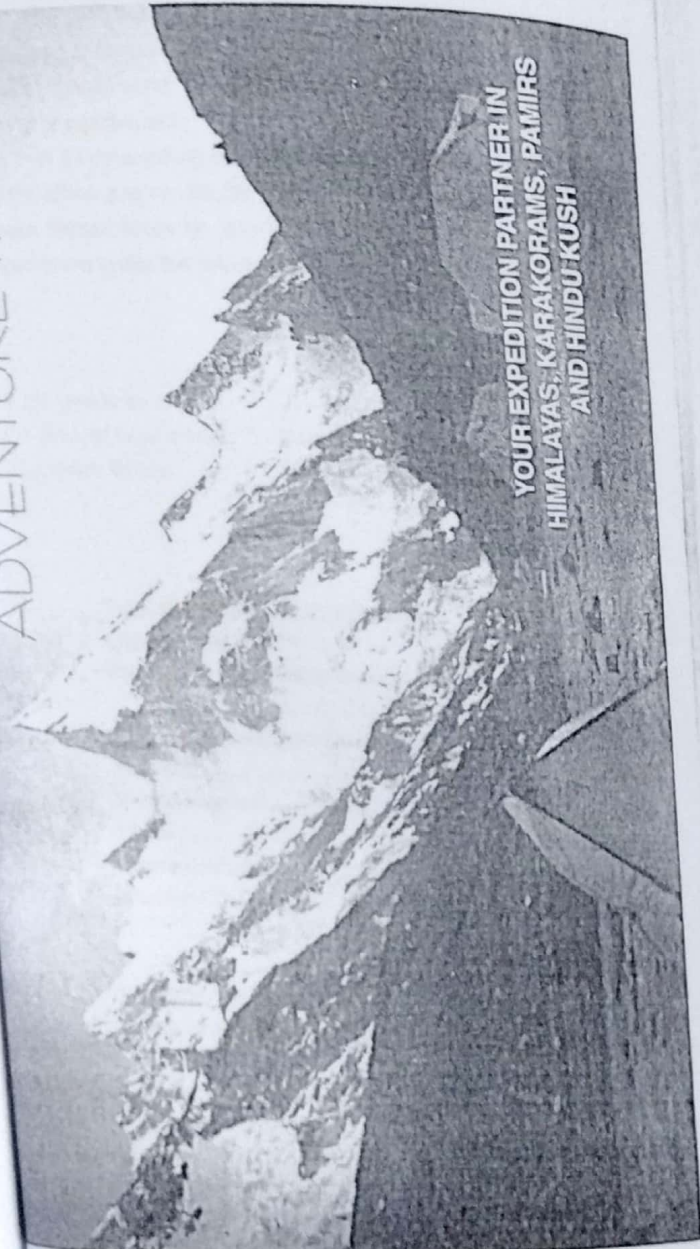


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| 1.  | Sugar                | 4 Ozs. per day                           |
| 5   | Tea                  | 1/2 Oz per day.                          |
| 6.  | Milk                 | Tinned 4 Ozs. or<br>fresh 4 Ozs. per day |
| 7.  | Salt.                | 1/4 Oz per day.                          |
| 8.  | Dal Chana (Fried)    | 4 Ozs per day.                           |
| 9   | Cigarettes           | 10 sticks per day.                       |
| 10. | Match Box            | 1 per week                               |
| 11. | Meat                 | 7 Ozs. per day.                          |
| 12. | Onions dried.        | 1/4 Oz. per day.                         |
| 13. | Condiment Powder     | 1/4 Oz. per day.                         |
| 14. | Multi vitimin Tablet | 1 per day.                               |

## ANNEXURE - 'I'

### PARTICULARS OF PAKISTANI LEADERS/DEPUTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF A PARTY

1. Name .....
2. Father's Name.....
3. Place of Birth .....
4. Date of Birth .....
5. Occupation/Designation .....
6. Postal Address .....
7. Permanent Address .....
8. Climbing experience, if any .....

## ANNEXURE - 'II'

### UNDERTAKING BY PORTERS

I, Mr. .... S/o .....

having No. .... of village .....

Tehsil ..... District .....

do hereby solemnly undertake :-

- (i) That I shall accept by the Government the grant of permission to the mountaineering expedition..... parties which have been explained to me and I have understood them clearly.
- (ii) That I shall work on the basis of daily wages of Rs. .... for a specified period with the party led by Mr. .... in accordance with the said terms and conditions.
- (iii) That I shall not desert the party nor shall I insist on increase in the wages during a march.
- (iv) That I shall serve the party diligently and faithfully during the period of my contract.
- (v) That if I do anything in violation of this contract or in violation of the terms and conditions, referred to in para (i) above, I shall make myself liable for any other action which may be taken against me under the relevant laws by a local administration.

Signature/Thumb Impression

In the presence of:

- (1) Rep. of local admn. Name .....
- (2) Liaison Officer. N.I.D. Card No. ....

**ANNEXURE 'K'**

1. Details of Applicant/Organization:
  - a) Local Applicant:
    - i) Name of applicant/organization: .....
    - ii) National Identity Card No. of the applicant: .....
    - iii) Address: .....
    - iv) Postal address: .....
    - Ph No. .... Fax No. ....
    - v) Name and address of sponsoring/forwarding Ministry/Division / Organization / Department: .....
  - b) Foreign Applicant:
    - i) Name of principal applicant/organization: .....
    - ii) Address of organization in Pakistan (if exists): .....
    - Ph.No. .... Fax No. ....

- iii) Name and address of their authorized agent/branch in Pakistan: .....
  - iv) Address of organization in parent country: .....
2. Purpose for which Inmarsat communication facilities are required: .....
  3. No. of Inmarsat communication facilities to be used:  
Fixed..... Mobile .....
  4. Location of terminal to be installed: .....
  5. Date of commencement of service and period for which licence is required: .....
  6. Equipment's detail:
    - i) Make/type of equipment .....
    - ii) Manufacturer's name: .....
    - iii) Model of equipment: .....
    - iv) Serial number of equip: .....
    - v) Dimension of equipment: .....
    - vi) Weight of equipment: .....
    - vii) Frequency range: TX .....
    - RX .....
    - viii) Description of power supply .....
    - ix) Description of Antenna: Height .....
    - Type .....
  7. Details of desired service (Voice, Telex, Fax, HSD, DHSD etc)
    - i) On main identification: .....
    - ii) On 2nd identification if to be used: .....
  8. Accounting and Billing details:
    - a) Accounting authority: Name .....
    - Address .....
    - b) Billing Entity: Name .....
    - Address .....
    - Ph ..... Fax ..... Telex .....



Name of Coast/Girth Station to be used : \_\_\_\_\_  
Whether Identity No. allotted from Inmarsat Headquarters  
(YES) Identification No (i) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

### DECLARATION

(We undertake to observe the conditions of the licence and certify that the apparatus herein described will be worked in accordance with the provision of :

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of administration: \_\_\_\_\_  
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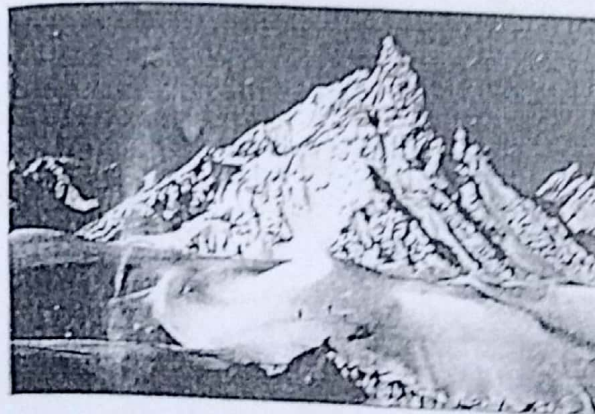
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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANTS

1. The applicant must apply at least 8 weeks in advance for the processing of this application.
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