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Dear Sir,

This is to bring it to your kind notice that in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs for containing COVID-19 epidemic in the country all road construction, repair and maintenance works including the Chardham all weather road project, important NHAI and other works including those related with preparations of 2021 KumbhMela in Haridwar have come to a halt.

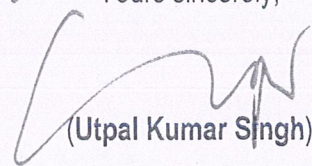
2. You would appreciate that being a mountainous state surface transport is the only means of ensuring supply of essential commodities, food grain, vegetables, medicines, construction material etc. The state also shares international borders with two countries and the construction of roads of strategic importance need to be re-started in order to help service the forward areas. Moreover, peculiar meteorological conditions of the state provide a very small window of opportunity for undertaking construction works and these have to be completed before the onset of monsoon rains.

3. If restoration works, particularly those relating to slope stabilization, debris disposal and rainwater disposal are not completed in time this could result in major landslides along the road alignment during the monsoons causing disruption in the supply of essential commodities and our capacity to respond to disasters. Moreover delay in completion of Kumbh Mela related works may pose serious challenges in the management of pilgrims during the event.

4. In view of the above, it is requested that permission to continue construction works particularly those related to Kumbh-2021, Chardham road project, NHAI, Border Roads Organisations and other agencies may be considered with the help of on-site workers. It may kindly be appreciated that delay in these works would among other problems such as supply of essential commodities, servicing of border areas and disaster response, jeopardize the State Government efforts to successfully organise Kumbh Mela – 2021. The State Government will ensure compliance of social distancing and other safety norms of the Government of India, both at workplace and labour camps.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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