OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Appointment of Liaison Officers for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, 2011

A copy of O.M No.E/122/2/2011-CH(KMY) dated 27\(^{th}\) December, 2010 received from Ministry of External Affairs (East Asia Division) on the above mentioned subject, is circulated herewith for information.

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To
All Officers of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions

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The Ministry of External Affairs will be organizing the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra 2011 from end May – September 2011. A circular and application format for application for the post of Liaison Officer for Kailash Manasarovar Yatra 2011 is enclosed.

2. It is requested that the enclosed application form and circular be circulated to all concerned.

3. The last date for receipt of application form is March 11, 2011.

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To:

1. All officers of the rank of Under Secretary and above in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
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3. All Joint Secretaries (Administration) in State Governments with the request that this be circulated in their departments.
4. Commandant Staff (O&T), ITBP HQs., Block No. 2, CGO Complex, New Delhi (Shri S. S. Horta, DIG (Ops)).
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CIRCULAR FOR LIAISON OFFICERS FOR KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA 2011

The Ministry of External Affairs will be organising the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra 2011 from 28th May 2011 to 25th September 2011. The Yatra is a pilgrimage and involves ‘parikramas’ of Mount Kailash and Manasarovar Lake in Tibet Autonomous Region of China. The route for the Yatra is along the western part of the India-Nepal border and crosses into China at Lipulekh Pass. The total duration of the Yatra is 30 days, of which 12 days are spent in Tibet.

2. This year, it is planned to send about 16 batches of 60 pilgrims each (including Liaison Officer). The first batch is tentatively scheduled to depart from New Delhi on 3rd June 2011. Thereafter, batches will depart once every six days or so. The last batch is expected to depart on 30th August 2011.

3. The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is extremely arduous and involves trekking at high altitudes upto 19,500 feet, under inhospitable conditions. The Indian Mountaineering Foundation has recognised the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra as a trekking expedition and it may involve high risk to the person or property of the applicant caused by any natural calamity or due to any other reason.

4. Government of India shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the person or property of the Liaison Officer due to natural calamity or due to any other reason.

5. A Liaison Officer will be appointed for each batch by the Ministry of External Affairs. Liaison Officer is the executive head and leader of the group. His / her task is to liaise with the Chinese and the Indian authorities on behalf of the pilgrims in all respects, including communication, medical requirements and air-evacuation in case of emergency. He / she is responsible for ensuring the well-being and safety of the group as well as maintenance of discipline and orderly conduct. The expenditure on travel, board and lodging of the Liaison Officer, amounting to approximately Rs. 1,25,000/- approximately, would be borne by the Department from where officer draws his/her pay and allowances.

6. Applications are invited from officers equivalent to the rank of Under Secretary to the Government of India and above serving in Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India and State Governments, as well as officers from the Armed Forces and Para Military Services. Liaison Officers are selected on the basis of interview conducted in Ministry of External Affairs followed by a comprehensive medical examination. Ministry of External Affairs reserves the right to short-list officers for interview on the basis of the criteria mentioned in succeeding paragraphs and call eligible applicants/officers for interview.

7. The officer should be in good physical health, medically fit and should not suffer from conditions such as high-blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, epilepsy etc. The Yatra may prove hazardous for those who are not physically and medically fit. Selection as Liaison Officer will be confirmed only after the concerned officer passes a comprehensive medical test conducted by the Delhi Heart and Lung Institute and ITBP Base Hospital in New Delhi.

8. The officer should preferably also have past experience of high altitude trekking/mountaineering. Experience of normal pilgrimage like Vaishnodevi and Amarnath yatras will not be counted as experience in this regard.
**PROFORMA FOR APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF LIAISON OFFICER FOR KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA-2011**

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