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PART-I

Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 16th August, 2024

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FARM TOURISM SCHEME HARYANA (AMENDED), 2024

1. INTRODUCTION AND THE CONCEPT:

The farm tourism scheme was formally launched on World Tourism Day *i.e.* on 27th September, 2003. The concept of farm tourism envisages involvement of private sector the farmers / farm house owners based on public private partnership. The farm house owners act as both hosts and guides to the visiting tourist. The farm houses have clean, hygienic environment with modern facilities for comfort of visitors. Preference is given to farm which have agricultural land attached. The farm house owner is supposed to provide home cooked food, stay facilities and show the visitor the agricultural practices such as floriculture, harvesting, bee keeping, dairying etc. and introduce to him the village way of life through various participatory activities. The visitors can enjoy the natural surroundings in fresh air.

The visitor gets an exposure of local community life which means attending a panchayat meeting, exposure of local songs, food, dances, art and craft etc.

The tour of village includes visiting the local artisans like the carpenter, blacksmith etc. The visitors have experience of festival occasion such as marriage and local melas. They can also participate or witness village games such as wrestling, guli-danda, kite flying and have ride on bullock cart, tractor etc. Experiences such as jumping on the hay and taking bath in the tubewell could be unique feature for the people and children from urban areas.

They can also see the important fairs and festivals being organised in these areas along with important monuments, havelies, historical sites etc. Each farm can aim at developing unique selling point some are specialising in organic farming, others is in floriculture, natural health management etc.

2. ROLE OF HARYANA TOURISM:

The project envisages a public and private sector partnership with the department of Tourism acting as a promoter. Haryana Tourism notifies the standards for farm houses and services to be provided by them.

Farm owners can develop their packages and tourism department will market their packages at different platforms.

3. INSPECTION (S):

Applications shall be invited from interested/ eligible beneficiaries for registration under this policy. The registration will be done after verification/ inspection by the committee comprising of the following:

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC)	Chairman
Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM)	Member
Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO)	Member
Principal, IHM of nearby district	Member

ADC will be fully competent to approve such cases and reject ineligible beneficiaries under this policy. After such approval shall send the list to Director Tourism office via email on **tourism@hry.nic.in**

4. ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

Tourism has multiplier effect and here too it was envisaged that the tourists trips and associate spending will make significant contribution to rural economy and improve quality of life of the farmers. Farm Tourism has provided the farm owners a source of additional income on their existing assets. Besides it provides them with an opportunity to interact socially with various kinds of visitors, elevating their social status and enriching their lives in general.

5. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

Community participation is a very important part of this concept as the scheme envisaged visit to the village, interaction with panchayat members and attending village functions etc. As our experience has shown the tourists cannot be looked after by the farm owners alone. The spill over effect is witnessed by whole of the village community. In most of the group packages, number of activities are undertaken such as camel cart ride, bullock ride, artisans display, mehndi, folk music and dance, village safari etc. This has resulted in community participation of the villages, generation of employment and additional income for the villagers.

6. ELIGIBILITY:

- (1) Anyone who owns a farm house shall be eligible to apply under this policy.
- (2) It is mandatory to have minimum 2 rooms for registration of the farm house. There is no bar on the minimum farm size.
- (3) The registration shall be done initially for five years from the date of signing of agreement which could be further extended depending on the recommendation of the Inspecting / Reviewing Committee of Haryana Tourism taking into consideration the quantum of business generated, number of visitors, maintenance of farm house etc.
- (4) It is mandatory to maintain a visitor's book and remarks obtained from the guests and the same is forwarded every month to Haryana Tourism offices at Chandigarh and Delhi.
- (5) The application fee of **Rs. 200/-** shall be payable to the concerned committee while applying for the same.
- (6) Application duly filled as per annexure-1 shall be applied for registration under this policy.
- (7) Haryana Tourism may cancel the registration, if any complaint of any nature is received against the farm owner.
- (8) Haryana Tourism reserves the right to modify the guidelines / terms and conditions from time to time and the same shall be binding on the farm houses registered under this scheme.
- (9) All the liabilities such as rates and taxes on electricity, water, property and entertainment etc. will be borne by the farm owner.
- (10) No sign boards or logo or name of Haryana Tourism will be displayed in any form including printed publicity material, cash receipts, letter heads, rubber stamps etc. by the farm owners. Violation of this condition will attract cancellation of registration.
- (11) A registration certificate shall be issued by Haryana Tourism which can be displayed at the reception / office. Farm owners may only use the term "**Registered with Tourism Department, Haryana**" on their sign boards or their other printed materials.
- (12) A police verification report is required to be submitted by the farm owner as per Annexure- III.
- (13) The Rules & Regulations of the concerned departments/agencies of the Government shall be strictly adhered to by the farm owners. They should ensure that no rules or norms are violated in any manner.

Annexure-I**Application Form for the registration of Farm House under the Farm Tourism Scheme**

1. Name of the Farm House Unit (if any):
2. Name of the Farm owner:
3. Father's name:
4. Age:
5. Postal address:
6. Aadhar Number:
7. Contact Number (Mobile No., Fax, Email):
8. Location of the Farm Stay along with full address: _____, Pin: _____
9. Details of the Farm House:
 - Area of Farm House:
 - No of rooms on offer:
 - No of room with attached washroom:
 - Details of Firefighting equipment:
10. Special Attractions:
 - Tourist Spot
 - Historical
 - Religious
 - Agro Dairy Farming
 - Horticulture
 - Art & Culture
 - Any other
11. Details of location:
 - Name and Distance from nearest town:
 - Name and Distance from nearest railway station:
 - Name and Distance from nearest airport:
 - Name and Distance from nearest bus stand:
12. Name and Distance from Nearest Tourist spot (please describe the tourist attraction nearby):
13. Details of additional facilities, if available:
14. Registration No.:
(If approved earlier, attach a copy of the earlier Certificate of Registration issued by Tourism Department Haryana)
15. Detail of application fee/registration fee amounting to **Rs. 200/-**
16. Whether clearance obtained from the Police Authorities regarding the antecedents of the owner /owners and the proposed activity, as per proforma at Annexure-III.
17. Copy of documents enclosed along with the application:

Paste passport Size Photo. Face of Farm owner should cover 80% of photo space.

Sr. No.	Document enclosed

I/We have read and understood all the terms and conditions, guidelines and details mentioned in the **Farm Tourism Scheme 2024** with respect to the approval and registration of the Farm House units and hereby agree to abide by them. I/We further confirm that I/we shall abide by the same and such other condition as may be laid down time to time by the Department of Tourism, Haryana for the Farm Tourism Certification. I/we are not involved in any sort of illegal activities and shall adopt responsible tourism practices for integrated environment management around the surrounding areas. The information and documents provided are correct and authentic to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____

Mobile number _____

Place:

Date:

Annexure-II

Checklist (not exhaustive) of facilities mandatory for approval of Farm Tourism

Sr. No.	Category	Details	Declaration (Yes/No)	Inspection Report (Verified/Not Verified)
1	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and hygienic environment. • Bedrooms, bathrooms, public areas and kitchens Serviced daily while there are tourists. • All floor surface clean and in good repair. • Safety & Security. • Room should have ethnic look and local culture. • Wi-fi desirable. • Clean drinking water. • Electricity 24*7- desirable 		
2	Guest Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of rooms (2 minimum). • A clean change of bed and bath linen daily and between check-in. • Minimum bedding 2 sheets, pillow, blanket, mattresses, bedcover. • Sufficient lighting. • Shelves or drawer space. • Waste-paper basket. • Drinking water. • Mirror. • AC/Heater/Geyser. 		
3	Bathrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean western or Indian toilet seat. • One bath towel and One hand towel to be provided per guest. • Guest toiletries on request. Minimum 1 new soap/ guest. • Clothes hook in each bath/ shower room. • A sanitary bin. • Floors and walls to have non-porous surfaces. • Hot and cold running water available 24 hours. 		
4	Public Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone facility. • Dining room with necessary furniture. • Non-plastic crockery & glassware. 		
5	Kitchen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerator/Oven depending upon the region. • Daily germicidal cleaning of floors. • Clean utensils. • All food grade equipment, containers. • Ventilation system. • Purified drinking water. • Garbage to be segregated-wet and dry and disposed/ treated. 		

Principal, IHM

BDPO

SDM

Remarks: _____

ADC:

Date:

Annexure-III**PROFORMA FOR POLICE VERIFICATION**

1. Name & Address of the Farm owner (Contact Number):
2. Father's Name:
3. Nationality:
4. Age:
5. Occupation:
6. Address of the Farm House:
7. Name of village:
8. Nearest Police Post:
9. General reputation of Farm House for Stay in the area:
10. Remarks, if any:

Paste passport Size Photo. Face of Farm owner should cover 80% of photo space with no cap and goggles. Regular Specs allowed.

Chandigarh:
The 16th August, 2024

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