



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Date 02 October 2020, Time 11:00am onwards
VENUE: ONLINE

Attendance: The following members were present

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| 1. | Col(Dr.) Bipin C Pandey | : | President, Chairman |
| 2. | Sh G D Gaur | : | Vice President |
| 3. | Sh. B M Sundriyal | : | Secretary |
| 4. | Sh K N Pandey | : | Treasurer |
| 5. | Sh L S Negi | | |
| 6. | Sh Kailash Chander | | |
| 7. | Dr S SAswal | | |
| 8. | Dr Sharad Pandey | | |

Leave of Absence. The following members had requested for leave of absence and granted:

Dr SaritaYajurvedi	Sh Lokesh Gairola	Dr Archana Sharma Pandey
Sh. SK Joshi	Sh SD Sharma,	MsMeenaKandwal
ShInduBhaskarBhatt	Dr Satyender Singh	

Welcome Address: Chairman welcomed all the members present online in the meeting and wished a safe and healthy un-lockdown period to all members of Uttarayani family. Hope we come out of this situation at the earliest.

Following agenda points were discussed in detail:

Election of New Governing Body: As informed to all members vide EC MoM dated 9th May 2020 and 16th August 2020, tenure of present Governing body was upto 17th May 2020 and the elections for electing new governing body were scheduled for 16th May 2020. However due to the Force Majeure situation caused by the COVID19 Pandemic across the country, it was not possible to call for a General Body Meeting to elect the new Governing body by due date. Uttarayani Byelaws require a General Body Meeting of Uttarayani to be called for specifically for the purpose of electing the new Governing body. The members were also approached for holding the meeting and elections electronically. This was not an accepted proposition to the members.

A letter seeking permission to convene a Governing body meeting of Uttarayani, in view of lockdown restrictions, for electing new Governing body was submitted to SDM Dwarka, via Email on 13th Sept 2020 and a hard copy of the same was also submitted by hand on 16th Sept 2020 (Receipt no 41116 Dated 16th Sept 2020). Till date no response has been received from the office of SDM.

Relevant points vide Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India Unlock guidelines dated 30th September 2020 regarding congregations, discussed in the EC Meeting on 02nd Oct 2020 are reproduced below for information of the members.

Point 1 (vii) Activities permitted outside the Containment zones

Social...and other congregations permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons till now may be permitted by State Governments, a maximum of 50% of hall capacity, with a ceiling of 200 persons, only after 15th October 2020.

Point 7. Protection of vulnerable persons above 65 years of age..... are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

Further, as per newspaper reports (dated 2nd October 2020), **Status quo will be maintained in Delhi, with regard to relaxations under Unlock 5.0 till October 31st 2020 or until further orders.**

Recently some members have again raised the issue of holding Governing Body elections without further delay. Keeping in view their sentiments and also the above ceiling of persons on congregations etc, the EC has sent reminder to the office of the SDM on 2nd October 2020 in continuation to earlier communication. We are awaiting the response from the office of the SDM.

Relevant extract of Para 11 of **Uttarayani MoA - Rules and Regulations -Mode of Election** of new Governing Body is as enumerated below for information of the members.

Quote

“The members of Uttarayani shall elect the Goerning Body in a General Body Meeting specially called for the purpose. Before such an election, the outgoing Governing Body shall nominate one of the members of Uttarayani to act as the Returning Officer for election of the new Governing Body.

The name of the office bearers of the Governing Body shall require to be proposed by the President elected. The outgoing president will propose the name of the incoming President, who shall be the President for the new session, subject to the condition that if not less than 1/4th of the members present at the meeting, do not object to the name proposed by the outgoing president, then the person shall be declared as President elected, failing which the President shall be elected by election. The new President elected shall propose one name each for the post of Secretary and Treasurer one after the other, who shall be declared elected, unless opposed by not less than 1/4th of the members present.

The election of the other office bearers of the Governing body shall be through a process of election declared by the Returning officer. The mode of election may be by show of hand or by secret ballot paper.”

Unquote

As per Byelaws of Uttarayani, it is mandatory to call for a General Body Meeting to elect new Governing Body. This provision allows all the members to participate in the election process. As per the MHA's Unlock Guidelines dated 30th Sep 2020, congregation of more than 200 persons is not permitted, which has further been left to the discretion of the respective State Governments. Further the Unlock guidelines have advised senior citizen above 65 years of age to stay at home and travel only in case of an emergency and health related issues. The present membership strength is around 450 with approximately 350 active members and of these more than 50% of the members are in the 65 plus age group. Being a society of law abiding Group 'A' officers, many of whom are above 65 years of age, Uttarayani cannot take the risk of COVID unlock restrictions/guidelines.

In view of the aforesaid, calling for a General Body meeting for the purpose of holding elections would not only be in direct violation of the MHA guidelines but also deprive the citizen above 65 years of age to participate in the election process to elect new Governing Body.

The EC, keeping the aforesaid in mind, decided to call for a General Body Meeting for the purpose of holding the elections to elect the new General Body after receiving the

necessary permission from the office of the SDM Dwarka or upon removal of the restrictions placed by the MHA Guidelines and the State Government of Delhi.

Social Media. EC members felt that a large number of the posts in the WhatsApp group are not relevant to Uttarayani and not in good taste. Some of the members have commented about the same in past from time to time, in the group platform. It is embarrassing for the group administrators to keep requesting the members for the same. As admin of the social group of members, it is our responsibility to ensure that harmony is maintained in the group and hence Uttarayani Info (Whatsapp) Group has been made ADMIN only wef 21stSept. 2020.

All information related to Uttarayani or for the cause of Uttarakhand will be shared by Group administrators on Whatsapp/ individual chats/ sms/ emails / www.uttarayani.in

New Member Following new members have joined Uttarayani since our last EC meeting. Their membership was approved by the EC and we whole heartedly welcome the new members.

Prof (Dr.) Pradeep Kumar Joshi, Chairman UPSC
Sh Deep Pant UnderSecy, UPSC
Sh Nar Dev Verma, Joint Director UPSC
Sh Ashutosh Bahuguna, Scientist D, MEITY

Closing Remarks: President thanked all the members present for enthusiastically participating in the meeting and making valuable suggestions. There being no other point, the meeting was closed with a Vote of thanks.

**B M SUNDRIYAL,
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