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Subject: Tourist Unit Unified Registration, 2026.

Order No: 12 Secy (T&C) of 2026
Dated: 27-04-2026

Sanction is hereby accorded to the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026, governing the registration, renewal, and transfer of registration of tourist units under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978).

All concerned tourist units are advised to apply for fresh registration or renewal of registration, as applicable, to the Prescribed Authorities on or before 26th July, 2026, in order to ensure continued compliance with the applicable statutory provisions. Timely compliance with the said requirement will help avoid any levy of penalties under the Jammu & Kashmir Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 and the rules framed thereunder.

This Order is issued in supersession of Government Order No. 99-TRM of 2024 dated 15.03.2024.

Issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-
Sanjit Rodrigues (IAS) / संजीत रोड्रिग्स (आईएएस)
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Tourism & Culture Department / संस्कृति विभाग
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No: Secy/(Trm)/RH/188/UTL/2026/ 378-91

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6. Assistant Director, Tourism Department, Leh/Kargil for information and necessary action.
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27-04-2026

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Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026

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Issuing Authority:
**Department of Tourism
Union Territory of Ladakh**

1. Prescribed Authority

In supersession of Government Order No. 99 SECY (TRM) of 2024 dated 15.03.2024, sanction is hereby accorded to the nomination of the Assistant Director (Tourism), Leh; Assistant Director (Tourism), Kargil; and Tourist Officer, Zanskar as the 'Prescribed Authority' for their respective jurisdictions for the consideration of applications pertaining to registration, renewal, and transfer of registration of tourist units under the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978).

Henceforth, all applications for registration, renewal, transfer of registration, cancellation of registration and change of business name under the said Act shall be submitted to the respective Assistant Director (Tourism) of Leh or Kargil, or to the Tourist Officer, Zanskar, along with the requisite checklist of documents. The procedure prescribed under this Order is enabled through an online facility. No physical applications shall be accepted or processed.

The Prescribed Authority shall examine and process all applications, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed terms and conditions and completion of inspection wherever applicable, strictly in accordance with the timelines notified under the Public Service Guarantee (PSG) framework of UT Ladakh.

Note: This Order shall apply prospectively from the date of its issuance.

2. Definition

The definition of 'tourist units' shall remain as specified in the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978), which stands applicable to the Union Territory of Ladakh under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

3. Validity

Provisional registration is applicable only for hotels and homestays and shall be valid for a period of eighteen (18) months, granted only once. The permanent registration of a tourist unit shall be valid for five (05) years and may be auto-renewed thereafter for successive period of five (05) years each.

4. Fee Structure

The following fee structure shall apply for provisional registration (18 months), permanent registration (05 years), renewal (05 years), and transfer of registration of tourist units:

S. No.	Tourist Unit	Provisional Registration	Permanent Registration	Renewal
1.	Travel Agent	N/A	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000
2.	Hotel (up to 19 rooms)	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000

3.	Hotel (20+ rooms)	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,000
4.	Transfer of Registration	N/A	Rs. 5,000	N/A
5.	Homestay	Rs. 500	Rs. 500	Rs. 500
6.	Cancellation of Registration	Rs. 2,000		
7.	Change of Business Name	Rs. 2,000		

Note: Penalty for non-registration or non-compliance shall be strictly enforced by the 'Prescribed Authority' as per the defined provision of the 'Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978)' – *“Any person carrying on the business of a travel agent, hotel or homestay without a proper registration under this Act or in violation of any of the provisions of this Act shall be punishable by the prescribed authority with a fine which may extend to [Rs. 5,000] and if the breach is continuing one with a fine of [Rs. 500] for each day.”*

Note: All tourist units are required to apply for new registration or renewal within three (03) months from the date of issuance of this Order. Failure to comply will attract penalties for non-registration in accordance with Part VI of the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978).

5. Registration of Travel Agent

A unified registration under the nomenclature 'Travel Agent' is instituted. This registration will authorize the registered Travel Agent to undertake all activities permitted under the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978).

Permanent Registration, valid for five (05) years, shall be issued upon submission of the following documents. The registration may be auto-renewed thereafter for an additional period of five (05) years:

- a) Duly filled application form
- b) Proof of identity (Aadhaar Card or any other Govt. of India issued photo identity card)
- c) Proof of physical office in UT Ladakh (land ownership document/ sale deed, or lease deed/ rent agreement)
- d) Trade license issued by a local body
- e) GST registration certificate, wherever applicable. In cases where GST registration is not available, business incorporation certificate shall be submitted

Note: The Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh, vide Ladakh Gazette SG-LD-E-08112024-1414, dated 08.11.2024, notified the 'Registration and Renewal Guidelines for Adventure Tour Operators and Adventure Activity Guidelines', and vide Ladakh Gazette SG-LD-E-08112024-1413, dated 08.11.2024, notified the 'Ladakh Mountaineering Policy, 2024.' The terms and conditions prescribed in these Gazette notifications, other than those pertaining to the registration process, shall continue to remain in force and must be strictly adhered to. Given that adventure activities and mountaineering expeditions are specialised

domains requiring technical expertise and enhanced safety measures, any additional requirements stipulated in the aforementioned Gazette notifications shall also be submitted. Any amendments, revisions, or subsequent notifications issued to the existing policies, or any revised or new policies introduced in this regard in the future, shall be applicable and shall be complied with accordingly.


6. Registration of Hotel

One-time Provisional Registration shall be granted to a Hotel for a period of eighteen (18) months, upon submission of the following documents:

- a) Duly filled application form
- b) Proof of identity (Aadhaar Card or any other Govt. of India issued photo identity card)
- c) Proof of land ownership (certified copy of revenue record/ sale deed, or lease deed/ rent agreement)

Permanent Registration, valid for a period of five (05) years, shall be granted upon submission of the following documents. The Permanent Registration may be auto-renewed thereafter for successive terms of five (05) years each:

- a) Trade license issued by a local body
- b) Building occupancy certificate
- c) GST registration certificate, wherever applicable. In cases where GST registration is not available, business incorporation certificate shall be submitted
- d) Fire NOC (as applicable)
- e) Consent to operate (CTO) by the Ladakh Pollution Control Committee (as applicable)

 **Note:** This Order supersedes Order No. 99-SECY(TRM) of 2024 dated 15.03.2024. Accordingly, the classification of accommodation units prescribed therein is hereby withdrawn and shall no longer be applicable, to simplify and streamline the registration process.

7. Transfer of Registration

The transfer of registration shall be permissible for Travel Agents, Hotels and Homestays. The application for transfer must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Duly filled application form
- b) Proof of identity of the transferee (Aadhaar Card or any other Govt. of India issued photo identity card)
- c) Valid registration certificate issued by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh
- d) Transfer document, which may include a certified copy of the revenue record/ sale deed/ lease deed/ gift deed/ rent agreement; or, in the event of the owner's demise, a Legal Heir Certificate/ Succession Certificate in the name of the transferee, as applicable

Note: Upon successful transfer of registration and subsequent expiry of the original validity period, the concerned unit shall follow the standard renewal procedure prescribed for tourist units.

8. Registration of Homestay

One-time Provisional Registration shall be granted to a Homestay for a period of eighteen (18) months, upon submission of the following documents:

- a) Duly filled application form
- b) Proof of identity (Aadhaar Card or any other Govt. of India issued photo identity card)
- c) Proof of land ownership (certified copy of revenue record/ sale deed, or lease deed/ rent agreement). In case where the residential house is constructed on Nautor land or State land, a certificate issued by the concerned Patwari, confirming that the applicant is the owner and in possession of the house, shall be accepted as proof.

Permanent Registration, valid for a period of five (05) years and auto-renewable thereafter for successive terms of five (05) years, shall be granted only upon the mandatory completion of the training programme prescribed and conducted by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh.

For the purpose of registration, the definition of homestay shall be *"A Homestay in the Union Territory of Ladakh refers to a residential accommodation unit located in any rural or urban area of the UT, wherein the owner resides within the same premises and offers not more than six (06) lettable rooms to visiting tourists. The homestay must form part of the owner's primary residence and is intended to provide guests with an authentic local living experience, cultural interaction, and personalized hospitality."*

9. Cancellation of Registration and Change of Business Name

Applicants may seek approval for Cancellation of Registration or Change of Business Name only under exceptional circumstances, or where there is a substantive change in the business structure. The applications for these purposes shall be considered strictly upon submission of the following documents:

- a) Duly filled application form
- b) Valid registration certificate issued by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh
- c) No dues certificate from the respective Municipal Committee/ Local Body, Power Development Department, and Public Health Engineering Department
- d) Affidavit stating tourist unit has no outstanding financial, statutory, or legal liabilities
- e) Documentary evidence in support of the change of business name, as applicable

Annexure 1
Application Form

Applying as: Individual Business Entity

Applying for: Provisional Registration Permanent Registration

Registration: Travel Agent Hotel Homestay

Renewal: Travel Agent Hotel Homestay

Transfer of Registration: Travel Agent Hotel Homestay

Cancellation of Registration: Travel Agent Hotel Homestay

Change of Business Name: Travel Agent Hotel Homestay

Applicant Details		
(To be completed by all applicants)		
1.1	Name of the Applicant (BLOCK LETTERS)	
1.2	Father's/ Husband's Name	
1.3	Sex (Male/ Female)	
1.4	Aadhaar Card No.	
		Any Other:
1.5	Complete Address	

Travel Agent		
(Applicants are permitted to undertake all activities as per the provisions of the 'Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978)'. Applicants engaged in adventure activities and mountaineering expeditions shall submit additional documentary requirements, as listed below)		
2.1	Name of the Entity	
2.2	Complete Business Address	
2.3	Telephone	
2.4	Email ID	
2.5	Details of Directors/ Proprietor/ Partners (Name, Designation, Mobile)	
For Applicant Engaged in Adventure Activities		
2.6	Name of all Adventure Activities from the list below, for which the registration is sought (1. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Tours, 2. Bungee Jumping, 3. Mountain Biking & Cycling, 4. Skiing/ Snowboarding, 5. Snow Scooters, 6. Sandboarding, 7. Trekking, 8. Ziplining, 9. Rock	

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	Climbing, Artificial Wall Climbing, Abseiling and Ice Climbing, 10. Motorcycle Tour Operators, 11. Wildlife Tours, 12. Paragliding, 13. Parasailing, 14. Para Motoring, 15. Hot Air Ballooning, 16. Rafting, 17. Kayaking, 18. Jet Ski)	
2.7	Details of Guide/ Instructor (Name, Role, Mobile, CV and Certification)	
2.8	Insurance Details and Proof	
2.9	Equipment Details (Equipment, Specifications, Quantity, Purpose)	
For Applicant Engaged in Mountaineering Expeditions		
2.10	Details of Guide/ Instructor (Name, Role, Mobile, CV and Certification)	
2.11	Insurance Details and Proof	
2.12	Equipment Details (Equipment, Specifications, Quantity, Purpose)	

Hotel		
3.1	Name of the Entity	
3.2	Complete Business Address	
3.3	Telephone	
3.4	Email ID	
3.5	Details of Directors/ Proprietor/ Partners (Name, Designation, Mobile)	
3.6	Number of Lettable Rooms	

Homestay		
4.1	Name of the Homestay	
4.2	Complete Physical Address	
4.3	Telephone	
4.4	Email ID	
4.5	Details of Homestay Owner (Name, Mobile)	
4.6	Number of Lettable Rooms	

Annexure 2
Self-Certification

I, Sh./ Smt. _____ Son/ Daughter/ Wife of _____
Village _____ Police Station _____ Post Office _____
District _____ do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that:

1. The information, particulars, and documents furnished by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that I am fully responsible for the accuracy and authenticity of all details submitted.
2. I have carefully read and fully understood the provisions of the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026, and affirm that my application and supporting documents are in strict compliance with all terms, conditions, and eligibility criteria stipulated therein.
3. I understand that concealment, misrepresentation, suppression, or distortion of any material fact at any stage shall render my application liable to outright rejection, without any claim or liability on the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh.
4. I agree that the operational status and compliance of my tourist unit may be verified through periodic inspections conducted by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh, and I shall extend full cooperation during such inspections.
5. I affirm that no criminal case is pending against me in any court of law within or outside the Union Territory of Ladakh.
6. I further affirm, that I have not been convicted under Section 20(1)(b) of the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978), and understand that any false declaration in this regard shall invite strict legal action.
7. I understand and accept that if any information or document submitted by me is found to be false, fabricated, misleading, or incorrect, whether at the time of submission or upon subsequent verification:
 - the registration granted to my tourist unit shall be revoked forthwith;
 - the premises may be sealed or prohibited from operating; and
 - I shall be liable for appropriate civil and criminal proceedings under applicable laws of the land.
8. I undertake to immediately notify the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh of any change in ownership, business structure, operational status, or other material changes that may affect my eligibility or compliance under the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026.

Date:

Place:

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Signature:



Permanent Registration Certificate for Travel Agent

This is to certify that the Travel Agent described herein is hereby granted Permanent Registration under the provisions of the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978) and in accordance with the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026, for operating as a Travel Agent within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The travel agency unit, owned by Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____,
S/D/o _____, R/o _____,
is assigned Permanent Registration Number: _____, with the following
particulars:

Name of the Travel Agency:

Adventure Activities (as applicable):

Mountaineering Activities (as applicable)

Valid Until:

Registered Address:

Contact Number:

Date:

(Prescribed Authority)

Disclaimer: The Permanent Registration Certificate is issued to the Travel Agency subject to the condition that the applicant shall obtain and maintain all other statutory licenses, approvals, and permissions required for operation within the Union Territory of Ladakh, as may be prescribed or notified by Competent/ Statutory Authorities from time to time.



Provisional Registration Certificate for Hotel

This is to certify that the Hotel described herein is hereby granted Provisional Registration under the provisions of the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978) and in accordance with the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026, for operating as a Hotel within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The hotel unit, owned by Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____, S/D/o _____,
R/o _____, is assigned Provisional Registration Number:
_____, with the following particulars:

Name of the Hotel:

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India Star Rating (as applicable):

Lettable Rooms:

Valid Until:

Registered Address:

Contact Number:

Date:

(Prescribed Authority)

Disclaimer: One-time 'Provisional Registration' is granted to a 'Hotel' for a period of eighteen (18) months. Permanent Registration, valid for a period of five (05) years, shall be granted upon submission of the following documents and compliance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Acts, as detailed below:

- a) Trade license issued by a local body
- b) Building occupancy certificate
- c) GST registration certificate, wherever applicable. In cases where GST registration is not available, business incorporation certificate shall be submitted
- d) Fire NOC (as applicable)
- e) Consent to operate (CTO) by the Ladakh Pollution Control Committee (as applicable)



Permanent Registration Certificate for Hotel

This is to certify that the Hotel described herein is hereby granted Permanent Registration under the provisions of the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978) and in accordance with the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026, for operating as a Hotel within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The hotel unit, owned by Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____, S/D/o _____,
R/o _____, is assigned Permanent Registration Number:
_____, with the following particulars:

Name of the Hotel:

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India Star Rating (as applicable):

Lettable Rooms:

Valid Until:

Registered Address:

Contact Number:

Date:

(Prescribed Authority)

Disclaimer: The Permanent Registration Certificate is issued to the Hotel subject to the condition that the applicant shall obtain and maintain all other statutory licenses, approvals, and permissions required for operation within the Union Territory of Ladakh, as may be prescribed or notified by the Competent/ Statutory Authorities from time to time.



Provisional Registration Certificate for Homestay

This is to certify that the Homestay described herein is hereby granted Provisional Registration under the provisions of the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978) and in accordance with the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026, for operating as a Homestay within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The homestay unit, owned by Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____,
S/D/o _____, R/o _____,
is assigned Provisional Registration Number: _____, with the following
particulars:

Name of the Homestay:

Lettable Rooms:

Valid until:

Registered Address:

Contact Number:

Date:

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(Prescribed Authority)

Disclaimer: One-time 'Provisional Registration' is granted to a 'Homestay' for a period of eighteen (18) months. Permanent Registration, valid for a period of five (05) years, shall be granted only upon the mandatory completion of the training programme prescribed and conducted by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh and compliance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Acts.



Permanent Registration Certificate for Homestay

This is to certify that the Homestay described herein is hereby granted Permanent Registration under the provisions of the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Act No. IX of 1978) and in accordance with the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026, for operating as a Hotel within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The homestay unit, owned by Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____,
S/D/o _____, R/o _____,
is assigned Permanent Registration Number: _____, with the following
particulars:

Name of the Homestay:

Lettable Rooms:

Valid until:

Registered Address:

Contact Number:

Date:

(Prescribed Authority)

Disclaimer: The Permanent Registration Certificate is issued to the Homestay subject to the condition that the applicant shall obtain and maintain all other statutory licenses, approvals, and permissions required for operation within the Union Territory of Ladakh, as may be prescribed or notified by the Competent/ Statutory Authorities from time to time.

Annexure 3

Compliance Reduction and Deregulation 2.0

Under the Compliance Reduction and Deregulation 2.0 initiative of the Government of India, tourism has been identified as a key focus area, specifically under “Priority Area 13: Promotion of the Availability of Quality and Affordable Tourist Accommodation.” Pursuant to this initiative, the Government of India issued certain recommendations aimed at rationalizing and simplifying regulatory compliances in the tourism sector. Considering these recommendations, and after due consideration, the following decisions have been taken:

S. No.	Recommendation	Decision Taken
1.	Remove the requirement for owner occupancy in homestay which means that the owner need not be himself / herself staying in the homestay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The requirement of owner occupancy must be retained as it is central to the vision and tourism priorities of UT Ladakh. Ladakh places strong emphasis on promoting an authentic, traditional homestay experience, wherein guests live within a Ladakhi household and engage directly with local communities, culture, and practices. This would also cease the practice of running homestays through hired labour, which dilutes the essence of a traditional Ladakhi homestay.• UT Ladakh is actively pursuing reverse migration and revitalization of rural areas, and owner-occupied homestays serve as an important instrument for encouraging families to remain connected to their native villages. In view of these objectives, removing the condition of owner occupancy would not align with the overall development vision and policy direction of Ladakh.
2.	Remove the requirement of NOCs (from the Government authorities) for homestay/BnB registration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are no NOCs required for the registration of homestays in UT Ladakh.
3.	Establish an online self-renewal regime for homestays/BnBs wishing to renew their registration with the tourism department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single window system/ tourism website is currently under development, and the registration/ renewal of all tourist units, including homestay shall be integrated in due course.

4.	<p>Permit up to 8 rooms or more per homestay unit. (It may be noted that more the number of rooms in a homestay, more would be the policy welcomed by the homestay owners).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UT Ladakh has proposed to define a homestay as a small, owner-occupied residential unit with a maximum of six (06) lettable rooms, keeping in view the unique geographical, cultural, and environmental realities of Ladakh. Increasing the room limit will be commercially and socially unsustainable, diluting the traditional character of homestays, potentially creating undue competition and economic burden on local families rather than supporting equitable community participation. The currently defined limit is therefore appropriate and aligned with Ladakh's vision of promoting authentic, small-scale, locally managed tourism enterprises. • Increasing homestay room capacity to eight is not advisable given the small village sizes, changing demographics, fragile environmental conditions, and existing waste-management limitations. Maintaining the current limits supports carrying-capacity thresholds and aligns with our vision of promoting slow, regenerative, community-led tourism.
5.	<p>Amend the tourism policy and de-link star classification of hotels from essential services, licenses/ NOCs/ approvals (e.g. Liquor license, CTE/CTO, Municipal licenses, fire, etc.) wherever applicable. In other words, the State Government should not insist a hotel to obtain a particular star category (say, 4 star) to obtain a license.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There registration of hotel in UT Ladakh has no link to the star category/ classification of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

Annexure 4
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026?

The Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026 is an administrative order issued by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh, to streamline, standardize, and simplify the registration, renewal, transfer, and regulation of tourism service units under the Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978.

2. From when is this Order applicable?

This Order applies prospectively from the date of its notification.

3. Does this Order replace any earlier orders?

Yes. This Order supersedes Government Order No. 99-SECY(TRM) of 2024 dated 15.03.2024, including the classification of accommodation units prescribed therein.

4. Who is the Prescribed Authority for registration-related matters? Where should applications be submitted?

The Assistant Director (Tourism), Leh, Assistant Director (Tourism), Kargil and Tourist Officer, Zaskar are designated as prescribed authorities. Each authority exercises jurisdiction over their respective territorial areas. Applications shall be submitted to the respective prescribed authority for the jurisdiction in which the tourist unit is located.

5. Is an online application system available?

An online registration system is integrated on the official website of Ladakh Tourism www.tourism.ladakh.gov.in.

6. What timelines apply to processing applications?

Provisional Registration shall be granted within one (01) working day and Permanent Registration within three (03) working days, subject to receipt of complete applications. All applications shall be processed strictly in accordance with the timelines prescribed and duly notified under the Public Service Guarantee (PSG) framework of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

7. What about registrations that have expired?

Tourist units that were registered with the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh prior to the issuance of Government Order No. 99 SECY (TRM) of 2024, dated 15.03.2024, and whose registrations have since expired, shall be required to apply afresh as new registrations. Tourist units registered under the 2024 Government Order shall be required to renew their registrations upon expiry in accordance with the provisions of

this Order. Such units are also encouraged to apply for a new registration under the online registration system.

8. What is the time limit for tourist units to register?

All tourist units shall ensure registration with the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh, through the respective prescribed authority, within a period of three (03) months from the date of issuance of this Order.

9. Do homestays also need to register?

Yes. All homestays, whether located in urban or rural areas, are required to register with the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh, through the respective prescribed authority. The definition of a homestay is notified in the Ladakh Tourist Unit Unified Registration Order, 2026.

10. How does the online auto-renewal process work?

Registered tourist units may avail of the online auto-renewal facility by submitting a self-certification confirming that the unit was operational during the preceding financial year. The applicant must also self-declare compliance with all prescribed statutory compliances, safety, hygiene and operational standards, as applicable under the relevant regulations.

11. Will any penalty be applicable for non-registration?

Yes. A penalty, as prescribed in the Order shall be applicable to tourist units that remain unregistered with the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh after the expiry of the prescribed three (03) months registration period under this Order.

12. How will other accommodation units be registered?

All accommodation units shall be required to be registered with the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh as Hotel. This includes, but not be limited to, units operating as hotels, guest houses, resorts, boutique properties, lodges, hostels, or any other similar accommodation unit, irrespective of the nomenclature or format under which they operate.

13. What are the conditions of Provisional Registration for Hotel?

A non-renewable provisional registration shall be granted only once for a period of eighteen (18) months. During this period, the hotel must complete all formalities and obtain permanent registration. If permanent registration is not obtained before the expiry of the provisional period, the hotel shall be liable to pay a penalty as prescribed under the Order until permanent registration is obtained.

14. What are the conditions of Provisional Registration for Homestay?

A non-renewable provisional registration shall be granted only once for a period of eighteen (18) months. During this period, the homestay must complete the mandatory training programme prescribed and conducted by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh and obtain permanent registration. If permanent registration is not obtained before the expiry of the provisional period, the homestay shall be liable to pay a penalty as prescribed under the Order until permanent registration is obtained.

15. What happens to entities registered as ATO / MTO under the 2024 policies?

Tourist units registered as Adventure Tour Operators (ATO) or Mountaineering Tour Operators (MTO) under the policies notified in 2024 shall be permitted to continue operations as travel agents until the expiry of their existing registration. Upon expiry, such entities shall be required to renew their registration in accordance with the provisions of this Order. Such units are also encouraged to apply for a new registration under the online registration system.

16. Are inspections mandatory for registration of tourist units?

No. Inspection shall not be mandatory prior to the registration of a tourist unit. However, the prescribed authority has the right to conduct random inspections at any time at its discretion. The prescribed authority shall also undertake compulsory inspections in response to complaints or on the basis of information received against any registered tourist unit.

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