

In pursuance of the provisions of Clause (3) of the Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of notification no. 2388 /VI/2017-01(03)/2013, dated 06.09.2018 for general information.

**Government of Uttarakhand
Tourism Section
No. 2388 /VI/2017-01(03)/2013
Dehradun, Dated : 06 September, 2018**

NOTIFICATION

Miscellaneous

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause a and b of subsection 2 of section 8 of the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board Act,2001 read with section 21 of the Uttar Pradesh General Clause act,1904 (as applicable to the State of Uttarakhand), the Governor is pleased to allow to make following rules in view to further amend Uttarakhand River rafting/kayaking rules , 2014, namely:-

The UTTARAKHAND RIVER RAFTING/KAYAKING (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2018

**Short title,
extend and
commencement**

1. (1)This rules may be called Uttarakhand river rafting/ kayaking (amendment) rules, 2018.
- (2)It extends to the whole State of Uttarakhand.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

**Amendment in 2 (i)
Rule 5**

In Uttarakhand river rafting / kayaking rules,2014 (hereinafter referred to as principal rules), for the existing sub rule (1) of rule 5 as set out in column-1 below, the sub rule as set out in column-2 shall be substituted, namely:-

Column-1

column-2

Existing rule

Rule here by substituted

5(1)The applicant desirous 5(1)The applicant desirous of

of seeking river rafting seeking river rafting permits permits for commercial for commercial purposes shall purposes shall have to apply to the CEO, UTDB, apply to the CEO of UTDB, Dehradun in prescribed form Dehradun in prescribed in Annexure 'A' in duplicate form in Annexure 'A' in for river ganga from 01 July to duplicate for river Ganga 31 July along with the fee of in between 01 July to 31 Rs 1000/- and Rs. 1000/-extra july and for other rivers at late fees upto 31st August. any time of the year. No application will be Along with the fee of accepted for river Ganga after Rs. 1000/- in form of 31st August. For other rivers, demand draft (non application will be accepted tranferable) in favor of the round the year along with the CEO, UTDB, Dehradun or fees Rs. 1000/- in form of in cash. Incomplete demand draft (Non application forms will not Transferable) in favour of the be entertained. CEO, UTDB, Dehradun. Incomplete application shall not be entertained.

(ii) In rule 5 of the Principal rules, sub rule (7) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(7) Permission for Special Expeditions may be given even after the carrying capacity of any river is full."

Amendment in Rule 7 3. (4). In Principal Rule sub rule (7) of rule 7 shall be omitted, namely:



(7) In case of availability in (7) Omitted carrying capacity of river ganga, those firm which already operating rafting in other rivers will get priority.

Amendment in Rule 10 4. In the Principal rules, sub rule (15) of Rule 10 shall be inserted, namely:

"(15) In any condition, License Holder/Operator will put in and pull out the raft from designated place/point as identified by technical committee under Rule 12(N)."

Amendment in Rule 11 5. In principal rules, for the existing rule 11(a), 11(b), 11(c) as set out in column 1 below, the sub rule as set out in column-2 shall be substituted, namely:-

Column- 1 Existing rule	Column- 2 Rule hereby Substituted
11(a) An officer of UTDB not below the rank of joint Director nominated by C.E.O	11(a) An officer of UTDB nominated by CEO- Convener.
(f) Deputy Director tourism	(f) An officer of UTDB nominated- Member
(g) Concerned District	(g) Concerned adventure

Adventure sports officer- sports officer/District tourism
Member development officer.
Member.

Amendment in Rule 12 6. In the Principal rules, for the existing rule 12(n) as set out in Column-1 below, the sub rule as set out in Column-2 shall be substituted, namely:-

Column- 1
Existing rule

Column- 2
Rule hereby Substituted

(n) Technical Committee will identify rafting starting and finishing point. (n) Technical Committee will identify Put In And Pull Out Point for rafts at both banks of every river on the basis of serviceability.

Amendment in Rule 13 7. In rule 13 of the Principal rules, sub rule (7) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(7) According to the direction given by Government from time to time Uttarakhand River Rafting/Kayaking Management Society constituted for management and regulation of rules of (Uttarakhand River Rafting/Kayaking Rules-2014 as amended from time to time) which shall be the part of these rules."

Amendment in Rule 18 8 (i) In the Principal rules, for the existing rules 18(3), 18(4) as set out in column-1, the sub rules as set out in column-2 shall be substituted, namely:-

Column-1
Existing rule

Column-2
Rule hereby substituted

(3) The Tourist below the age of 14 years and above the age of 60 years shall not be allowed for river rafting and those below the age of 18 years and above the age of 50 years shall not be allowed for kayaking.

(4) Alcohol/smoking shall be totally prohibited during rafting /kayaking operations.

Operator/Guide shall not permit rafting to any tourist who is in an intoxicated condition.

(ii) In rule 18 of the Principal rules, sub rules (7) & (8) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(7) More than 8+2 person (8 Tourist, 01 guide and 01 trainee guide} in 16 feet raft and 6+2 person (6 Tourist, 01 guide and 01 trainee guide) in 14 feet raft will not be allowed or in any condition not more than the certified carrying capacity of raft by raft manufacturing company.

(8)(i) Without helmet rafting/ kayaking shall not be allowed.

(ii) It is mandatory for a Guide to have valid Identity Card."

Amendment in Rule 19 9. In the Principal rules, for the existing rule 19.1(e) as set out in Column-1 below, the sub rule as set out in column-2 shall be substituted, namely:-

**Column-1
Existing rule**

**Column-2
Rule hereby substituted**

<p>(e) Must possess a certificate to first aid (FAC) from Red Cross Society of India or St. Johns Ambulance Society India or any recognized or reputed organization.</p>	<p>(e) Every guide must possess valid first Aid certification from Red Cross Society of India/ St. Johns Ambulance Society India or any other recognized or reputed organization conferred in First Aid. Certificate shall be produced/Annexed at the time of new application /renewal of Guide license.</p>
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Amendment in Rule 25

10. In rule 25 of the Principal rules, sub rule (3) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(3) In every river area where rafting activities are not being conducted for compliance of directions of security and environment for available beach after taking permission from competent officer or district magistrate of related forest/revenue land, before starting tourism activities permission/no objection certificaten UTDB should be taken necessarily."

Amendment in Rule 26 11.(i) In the Principal rules, for the existing rule 26(1) & 26(4) set out in Column-1 below, the sub rule as set out in Column-2 shall be substituted, namely:-

**Column-1
Existing rule**

**Column-2
Rules hereby substituted**

26(1) The penalty of Rs. 1 lakh per raft shall be recovered from a person firm running without permit. In case not paying penalty, shall be punishable under the provision of Indian Penal Code Act.

26(1) Any firm/operator operating river rafting without valid permit, the raft shall be liable to be seized. Repeated violation will result in permit being suspended/cancelled.

(4) Any operator/permit holder who transfer or assigns his rafting/kayaking permit to any other person shall be illegal, In the condition his permit shall be cancelled and black listed.

(4) Rafting/Kayaking permit can be transferred or assigned to any other person/successor under the following provisions-

(a) In the name of buyer, any previous rafting/kayaking firm should not be registered.

(b) The permit cannot be assigned/transferred upto a period of 10 years from date of obtaining permit.

(c) The buyer must fulfill all the terms and conditions under rule 5 of these Rules.

(ii) In rule 26 of the Principal rules, sub rule (8) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(8) The River Rafting Management Society constituted under rule 13(7) shall have the right to collect Token amount from tourists for managing rafting/kayaking

activities.

The Management Society reserves the right to revise token amount periodically. The collected token amount shall be used by the Management Society for the purpose of infrastructural development or paying salary to the person concerned for managing river rafting/ kayaking activity."

**Amendment in 12.
Rule 28**


In rule 28 of the Principal rules, sub rule (14) and (15) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(14) Under any circumstance, the raft carrying vehicle of licensee must not enter an area of 100 mts from the river bank or shall be bound as per guidelines provided by National Green Tribunal from time to time.

(15) Every permit holder/ operator shall display the minimum/maximum rafting charges in their office, website and shall give the information of it to Issuing Authority at the time of issuing a permit.

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By Order


(Dilip Jawalkar)
Secretary