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## NOTIFICATION

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 9.7.1993, has approved the proposal of royalty to be imposed on mountaineering expeditions within Sikkim as per the rates and the conditions given below with the amendment that the local Sikkimese trekkers are to be exempted from payment of the fees on production of their valid identity card/certificate. The fee is to be imposed as an environmental fee with immediate effect under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 amended upto 1991.

- (a) Climbing of peaks -
- \*\* Mt. Kanchenzonga US Dollar 20,000  
Peaks above 8000 Mtrs US Dollar 8,000  
Peaks between 7 501 - 8000 Mtrs US Dollar 3,000  
Peaks between 7001 - 7500 Mtrs US Dollar 2,000  
Peaks between 6501 - 7000 Mtrs US Dollar 1,500  
Peaks below- 6500 Mtrs US Dollar 1,000
- (b) For virgill peaks, the fee could be double.
- (c) For Indian expedition only 50% of the fee referred to (a) above shall be charged.
- \*\* Mt. Kanchenzonga is most sacred peak for Sikkim and lesser the number of expeditions the better and hence higher fee is recommended.
- (i) For trekkers, the Environmental Fee is recommended as follows:- (a) For Foreign Groups-
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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| For group of 5 to 10 members  | US Dollar 300 |
| For group of 11 to 15 members | US Dollar 400 |
| For group of 16 to 20 members | US Dollar 500 |
- (b) For domestic trekkers-
- |                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| For individual                | Rs. 1,000/- |
| For group of 5 to 10 members  | Rs. 4,500/- |
| For group of 11 to 15 members | Rs. 6,000/- |
| For group of 16 to 20 members | Rs. 7,500/- |
- (The fee is for duration of the trek which is usually 10 days on the average)
- (ii) Entry fee –
- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| (a) For Sancturaries  | Rs. 5/-per head    |
| (b)For National Parks | Rs. 100/- per head |

(Entry fee is in addition to Environmental fee)

Furthermore, it has also been decided to ensure that all expeditions within Sikkim should adhere to the following conditions :-

- (a) The royalty as mentioned above be paid by the teams in hard currency before their arrival in Sikkim.
- (b) The teams shall make sure that necessary clearance from Ministry of "Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence and the Chief Wild Life Warden, Government of Sikkim are obtained by them before they start their expedition.
- (c) The teams should avail of all infrastructural facilities (boarding, lodging and transport) available with the Government of Sikkim throughout their expedition.
- (d) The teams should abstain from using fuel-wood and only LPG/kerosene oil should be used for their cooking purposes. They should zealously avoid any environmental damage/pollution during their treks.
- (e) The mountaineering equipments used by [be teams or a part thereof should be donated to the proposed Sikkim Mountaineering .Institute at Gangtok in order to give a fillip to the local efforts at developing mountaineering- based skills.
- (f) The teams may be requested to give wide publicity to these expeditions within their respective countries in order to p]ace this State firmly on the mountaineering map of the world.
- (g) The teams during their treks/expeditions will have to be accompanied by Liaison Officers from the side of the State Government whose entire expenditure shall have to be borne by them.

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