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Strengthening Preparedness and Safety Measures for Tourists in Coastal Hotels

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) wishes to bring to your attention the potential risk posed by coastal hazards, particularly tsunamis, to tourists staying in hotels and other tourist accommodation facilities located along the coastal belt of Sri Lanka.

As you are aware, a catastrophic event such as a tsunami can occur at any time, with very limited time available for response and evacuation. Considering the significant number of local and foreign tourists who stay in hotels and other accommodation facilities located in beachfront and coastal areas, it is important to ensure that appropriate preparedness and life-safety arrangements are in place at such establishments.

In this regard, the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) is kindly requested to take necessary measures to inform and advise hotels and other tourist accommodation establishments located in coastal and potentially hazard-prone areas to review and strengthen their emergency preparedness arrangements, with particular attention to:

- Establishing and maintaining clear tsunami and coastal hazard evacuation plans;
- Identifying safe evacuation routes and suitable vertical or horizontal evacuation locations, as appropriate;
- Clearly displaying evacuation routes, emergency instructions and relevant safety information for tourists and staff;
- Conducting regular awareness programmes, drills and exercises for hotel staff;
- Ensuring that staff are familiar with official warning and emergency communication procedures; and
- Making necessary arrangements to promptly guide and assist tourists, including persons with disabilities, children, older persons and other persons who may require additional assistance, during an emergency.

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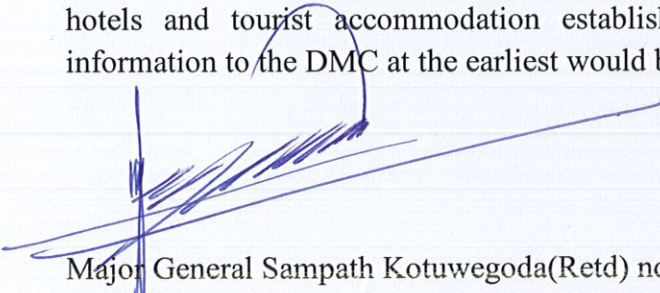
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Further, to strengthen the emergency coordination and communication mechanism, the SLTDA is kindly requested to provide the DMC with district-wise details of hotels and other tourist accommodation establishments located within or in close proximity to coastal hazard-prone areas, including their available emergency contact details. The information may include the name of the establishment, location/address, district, name and designation of the responsible contact person, telephone/mobile number and email address, where available.

The above information will enable the DMC and relevant authorities to establish an effective emergency contact and coordination mechanism with tourist accommodation establishments in the event of a tsunami or any other coastal emergency.

The DMC would appreciate the cooperation of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority in strengthening preparedness and ensuring the safety and protection of tourists and tourism-sector personnel in coastal areas.

Your assistance in disseminating the above preparedness requirements among the relevant hotels and tourist accommodation establishments and providing the requested contact information to the DMC at the earliest would be highly appreciated.



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