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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
COLLECTORATE
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F.No.A/28/02/2026-COL/379

Dated: 07.04.2026

ORDER

Whereas, the undersigned received information from Director (Road Transport) via letter F.No 09/04/2022-RTO dated 06.04.2026 regarding the need for restriction of vehicles for public safety and convenience along the stretch from Y-junction to helipad and along the Western Coastal Beach Road in Kavaratti, to ensure pedestrian friendly movement during peak evening hours.

And whereas, the UT Administration, vide Notification F. No. A/28/02/2026-COL/306 dated 16.03.2026, has authorized the District Collector as the competent authority to exercise powers under Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

And whereas, Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 empowers the competent authority to prohibit or restrict the driving of motor vehicles in specified areas or routes in the interest of public safety, convenience, and traffic regulation;

And whereas, the undersigned has considered the field inputs and reports of the Traffic Police, and (ii) ground observations of traffic and pedestrian movement, and

And whereas, the Western Jetty side beach road and the stretch from Y Junction to Helipad experience substantial pedestrian footfall during evening hours, owing to recreational use and public congregation, resulting in simultaneous movement of pedestrians and vehicles within a narrow carriageway;

And whereas, it is observed that such mixed and unregulated movement of vehicles during peak hours leads to congestion, increases conflict points between pedestrians and vehicles, and poses avoidable risks to public safety;

And whereas, the undersigned has carefully considered the nature of the identified stretches, which function as high pedestrian-use corridors during evening hours, and is satisfied that prioritizing pedestrian movement during such peak periods is necessary in the interest of safety and public convenience;

And whereas, the undersigned has also examined whether less restrictive alternatives would suffice, and is of the view that in the absence of feasible road expansion and given the intensity of pedestrian use during specific hours, a limited, time-bound restriction on vehicular movement is the most appropriate and least restrictive measure available;

And whereas, the proposed restriction in the letter F.No 09/04/2022-RTO dated 06.04.2026 is confined to specific stretches, limited to defined hours (6:30 PM to 10:30 PM), and provides exemptions for essential services, thereby satisfying the test of reasonableness and proportionality;

Now, therefore, In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, read with Section 2(41) thereof, and in pursuance of the aforesaid Notification, the District Collector, Lakshadweep hereby orders as follows:

a. Vehicular movement in the following stretches shall remain prohibited daily from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM:

- i. Western Jetty side beach road
- ii. Stretch from Y Junction to Holipad

b. The restriction shall not apply to essential service vehicles, including ambulances, fire service vehicles, police vehicles, and such other vehicles as may be specifically permitted by the competent authority. Such exempted vehicles shall ply with due caution at a speed not exceeding 10 km/h within the restricted stretches.

c. The Superintendent of Police shall ensure strict enforcement of this order, including deployment of adequate personnel along at all access points of the restricted stretches.

d. Appropriate barricades, markers, and clear signage indicating the restricted stretches and timings shall be installed at all entry points.

e. Adequate advance publicity shall be ensured for information of the general public.

f. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until further orders.

Sd/-
(Shivam Chandra, IAS)
DISTRICT COLLECTOR
Lakshadweep