



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, UDHAMPUR

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Subject: Temporary Traffic Halt on NH-44 (Udhampur–Chenani Section) for Slope Stabilization and Restoration Works near Ladha, Samroli.

ORDER

Whereas, the Project Director, NHAI, PIU Ramban, has reported that due to incessant rainfall since 18.07.2026, repeated landslides, mudslides and continuous falling of loose debris have occurred at the vulnerable hill slope near Ladha, Samroli on the Udhampur–Chenani stretch of NH-44, affecting the safe movement of traffic; and

Whereas, despite continuous restoration efforts, the hill slope remains unstable and debris continues to fall, posing a serious threat to commuters as well as to personnel engaged in restoration works; and

Whereas, two-way traffic has been restored after increasing the carriageway width on the valley side; however, permanent stabilization and widening of the hill-side carriageway require deployment of heavy machinery for removal of loose overhanging debris, which cannot be undertaken safely under live traffic conditions; and

Whereas, in the interest of public safety and to facilitate uninterrupted restoration works, the Project Director, NHAI, PIU Ramban has requested imposition of a temporary traffic halt (dry day) on the affected stretch;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and in the interest of public safety and smooth restoration of the National Highway, it is hereby ordered that:

1. Traffic movement on NH-44 shall remain completely suspended on 31-07-2026.
2. During the above period, NHAI shall undertake intensive debris removal, slope stabilization and all necessary restoration works to ensure safe and expeditious reopening of the highway.
3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Udhampur, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Superintendent of Police (Traffic), NHW Ramban, and all concerned field officers shall make adequate traffic regulation and diversion arrangements and ensure strict enforcement of this order.
4. The Project Director, NHAI, PIU Ramban shall:
 - Ensure adequate deployment of men, machinery and equipment to complete the restoration works within the stipulated period.
 - Maintain close coordination with the district administration, police and traffic authorities.
 - Install adequate warning signs, barricades and safety measures at all vulnerable locations.

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- Ensure that emergency response teams, ambulances and disaster management resources remain on standby throughout the operation.
5. The District Information Officer, Udhampur, shall give wide publicity to the traffic halt through print, electronic and social media so that commuters may plan their journeys accordingly.

This order shall come into force on the date specified above and shall remain effective only for the duration mentioned herein unless modified or withdrawn by the undersigned.

No. DMU/5C/648
Dated:- 30-07-2026


Prem Singh, JKAS
Additional District Magistrate
Udhampur

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2. Inspector General of Police, Jammu/Kashmir Zone, for kind information.
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5. HQ, 71 Sub Area, C/o 56 APO for kind information.
6. Inspector General, CRPF, Jammu/Kashmir Sector, for kind information.
7. Inspector General, BSF, Jammu/Kashmir Frontier, for kind information.
8. District Magistrate, Udhampur for kind information.
9. Senior Superintendent of Police, Udhampur for information.
10. Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban for information.
11. Superintendent of Police, Traffic NHW Ramban for information.
12. Superintendent of Police, PCR Jammu/Srinagar for information.
13. Project Director, NHAI, PIU Ramban for information.
14. Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Udhampur for information.
15. SDM Chenani for information for information.
16. Tehsildar Udhampur/ Chenani for information.
17. District Information Officer, Udhampur, for information wide publicity.
18. Concerned file.