

**Calling Attention notice moved by Mr. Jugal Kishore, Hon'ble ML**

**“To call the attention of the Government towards a matter of urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen due to the charging of lakhs of rupees as tax from the Pithoo wala's, Poney Wala's and Paalky Wala's when there is no provision in the Shiv Khori Shrine Act?”**

**REPLY.**

The Government, in view the growing popularity of Shiv Khori Shrine and increasing need of proper management/facilities, constituted a separate Board under J&K Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Act, 2008.

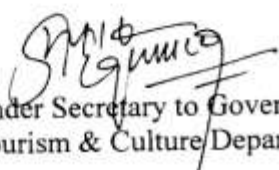
As per section 14 sub section (1) of Jammu & Kashmir Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Act,2008 as part of duties, the Board may do all such things as may be incidental and conducive to the efficient management, maintenance and administration of the shrine and the convenience of the pilgrims. Accordingly the Pithoo wala's, Poney Wala's and Paalky Wala's are charged duly notified rates as per decision of the Board (reproduced below). The proceeds/funds generated are used for development of Shrine and its surroundings.

The detailed rates of Pithoo wala's, Poney Wala's, Paalky Wala's, Guides etc. operating on Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board (SSKSB) track have been revised as per detail given below:

S. No	Service offered & Journey detail (Ransoo to Shivkhori cave)	Total Hire charges from rider (in Rs.)		Selfare fund		Ammount to service provider (in Rs.)	
		Single Side	Double Side	Single Side	Double Side	Single Size	Double Size
1.	<b>Ponies</b>						
	A. Child upto 12 years (35 Kgs)	55.00	100.00	10.00	15.00	45.00	85.00
	B. Adult upto 75 kgs	120.00	230.00	20.00	35.00	100.00	195.00
	C. Adult above 75 kgs.	130.00	250.00	20.00	35.00	110.00	245.00
2.	<b>Palki</b>	-	850.00	-	50.00	-	800.00
3.	<b>Pithoo</b>	-	160.00	-	10.00	-	150.00
4.	<b>Guide</b>	-	100.00	-	10.00	-	90.00

*The above rates have been implemented w.e.f 01.07.2012.*

Sd/-  
Minister I/C Tourism

  
Under Secretary to Government,  
Tourism & Culture Department.