

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE BY Dr. BASHIR AHMAD VEERI
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"I call the attention of the Government towards the plight of agitating casual labourers engaged for maintenance of an International standard Golf Course, Pahalgam and the steps taken by the Government to address the grievance of these workers whose strike has caused severe damage to the greens of this high end tourist destination."

Reply

The Lidder Valley Golf Course, Pahalgam was maintained by contractor from 2009-10 to ending 11/2015 and the required staff including labourers were engaged/paid by the said contractor for the said period. However during current Financial year after expiring of the previous contract tenders for new labour contract for current year have been floated by Pahalgam Development Authority vide NIT No. 46 dated 05.03.2016. But in response only single tender has been received which was not approved by the department. After that the Authority has invited fresh tenders vide NIT No. 01 dated 25.04.2016 through which the first lowest/successful bidder has started the maintenance contract (Labour Part) by engaging the labourers who were previously working there for maintenance of said Golf Course. This all indicates that these labourers have never been paid by Pahalgam Development Authority but always paid by contractor.

Presently no labourer is on strike and the maintenance work is going on smoothly however these labourers are working in said Golf course since long and have gained much experience in maintaining Golf Course Pahalgam.


Under Secretary to Government
Tourism Department

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Minister I/C Tourism