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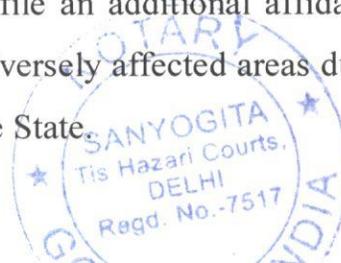
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**ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT IN  
COMPLIANCE OF ORDER DATED 08.08.2022.**

I, Urvashi Shobhna Kachari, D/o Colonel D.K.Kachari (Retd), aged about 37 years, R/o 70 Bhagwantpur, Purkul Gaon Road, Dehradun 248009, Uttarakhand [presently in New Delhi], do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. I state that I am the Applicant herein and have preferred the present Application under Sections 14 and 15 read with Section 18 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 R/w Rule 24 of the National Green Tribunal (Practices and Procedures) Rules, 2011 against the Respondents seeking the preservation of the ecology in and around the holy pilgrim tracks in the sensitive and bio-diverse regions of Uttarakhand, which has been compromised due to the exponential increase of equines and pilgrims in the State.
2. I state that the Applicant sought time to file an additional affidavit vide Order dated 08.08.2022, to pinpoint the adversely affected areas due to the heavy traffic of equines and pilgrims in the State.



3. I state that the Char Dham consist of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Gangotri/Gomukh. I state that in addition to this, another popular pilgrimage in Uttarakhand is that to the Hemkund Sahib. I have annexed the route map of the Char Dham pilgrimage obtained from websites <http://www.chardhamyatra.net/route-map.php> and <http://footloosedev.com> as **Annexure 1[Colly]**.
4. I state that the routes are completely motorable up to Badrinath and Gangotri, but in order to reach Kedarnath Dham, Hemkund Sahib, Gomukh Dham and Yamunotri Dham, trekking is required. I state that mules and horses are used in large numbers for these tracks.
5. I state that there are no designated spots for camping of mules/horses except in the Kedarnath Dham, where the number of equines used is the largest. I state that camping areas at Kedarnath Dham have been designated at Gaurikund Ghoda Padav and Rudrapoint Ghoda Padav. I state that there is, however, no bar on equines being camped anywhere along the track and along the rivers that flow side by side to the pilgrim tracks at most places.
6. I state that the following pilgrim routes are the most highly polluted areas in the State of Uttarakhand, which have been adversely affected in terms of environment and ecology. I state that the following details are pertinent as regard the pilgrim routes:

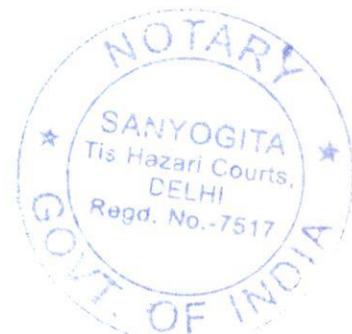
**A. District Rudraprayag (Kedarnath Dham)**

Total length of the track - 18 Kilometers

Starting point - Gaurikund Ghoda Padav

End Point - Rudrapoint Ghoda Padav

Number of equines used - 12,000 to 14,000



Nearest water body - River Mandakini (Tributary of River Alaknanda which in turn flows into the River Ganges)

**B. District Chamoli (Hemkund Sahib)**

Total length of the track - 19 Kilometers

Starting point - Pulna

End Point - Hemkund Sahib (via Ghaghariya)

Number of equines used - 2,000 to 3,000

Nearest water body - River Alaknanda (Source Stream of River Ganges)

**C. District Uttarkashi (Gangotri-Gomukh Dham)**

Total length of the track - 18 Kilometers

Starting point - Gangotri Dham (Ghoda Padav - 700m from temple)

End Point - Gomukh

Number of equines used - 200

Nearest water body - River Bhagirathi (Headstream of the River Ganges)

**D. District Uttarkashi (Yamunotri Dham)**

Total length of the track - 5 Kilometers (18 kilometers from Hanuman Chatti)

Starting point - Janki Chatti Ghoda Padav

End Point - Yamunotri Dham Ghoda Padav

Number of equines used - 6,000 to 8,000

Nearest water body - River Yamuna (Tributary of the River Ganges)

*Umashi Shikha Kachori*

**DEPONENT**

*Identified  
Especially*



**VERIFICATION:**

Verified at Delhi on this 09<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022 that the contents of this affidavit which are true and correct based on official records. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

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I identified the executant who  
has signed in my presence

*Unnathi Shobhna Kaurani.*

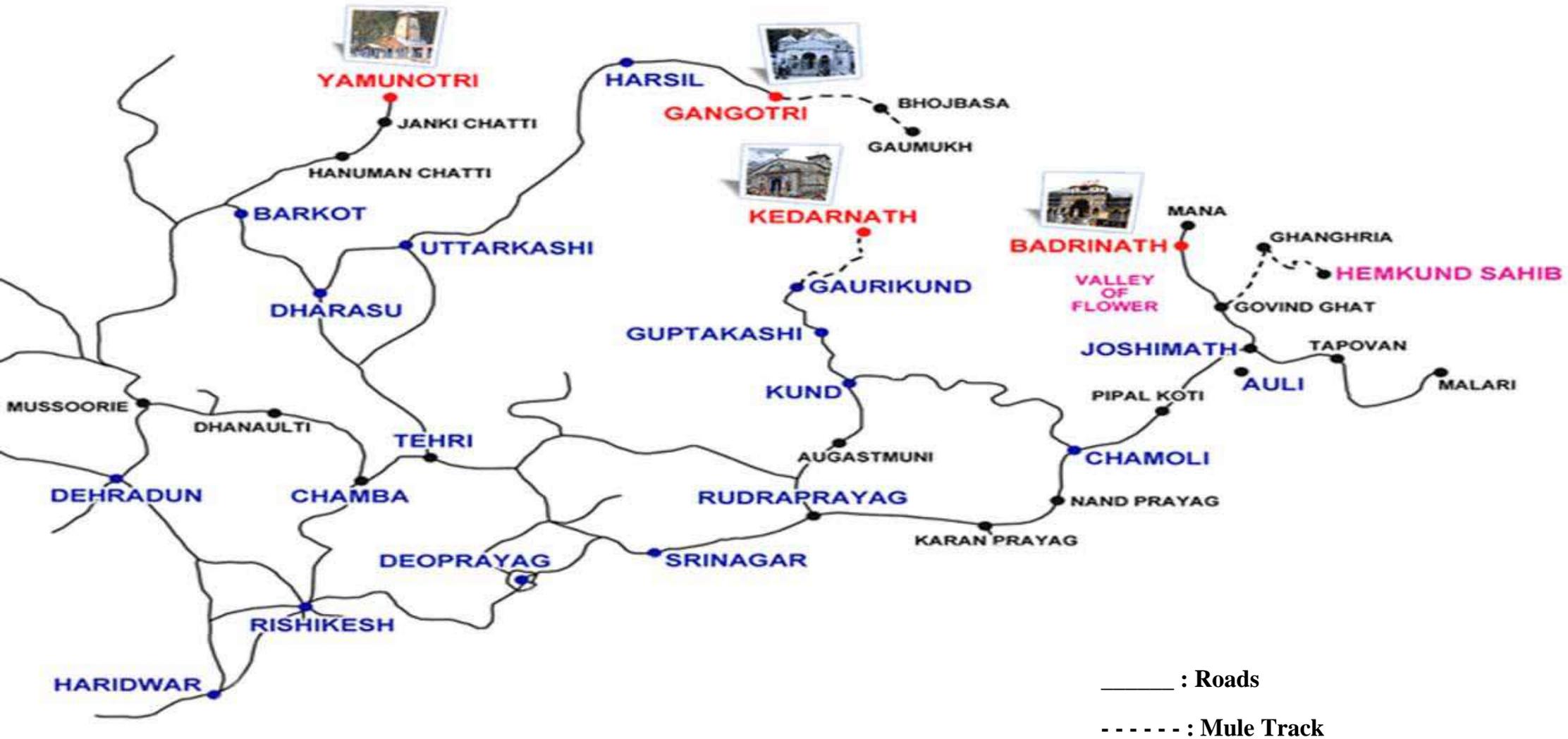
**DEPONENT**

**ATTESTED**  
*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC DELHI



**10 AUG 2022**

## Route Maps to Pilgrimages at Uttarakhand



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<http://www.chardhamyatara.net/route-map.php>

