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SUB: Closing of Operational Avalanche Forecasting Services for the Winter Season 2023-2024

1. Seasonal snow cover in the North-West Himalaya (NWH), Central Himalaya (CH) and North-East Himalaya (NEH) has almost ablated as per the daily data received from DGRE observatories in these regions. Accordingly avalanche danger has reduced significantly.
2. In view of the above, regular avalanche warning bulletins (AWBs) will be discontinued w.e.f 01st Jun 2024. However, while negotiating any specific avalanche prone slope still loaded with snow/ice, following safety measures must be adhered to:
 - I. Do not move in cluster. Cross avalanche path one by one with at least 30-meter distance between two individuals.
 - II. Avoid movement in formation zones of snow loaded avalanche prone slopes.
 - III. Avoid movement during and up to 24 hours after snowfall/rainfall.
 - IV. Keep avalanche rescue team (ART) at beck & call.
3. Concerned authorities are also advised to properly mark the avalanche prone road/track sections with warning signboards.
4. The regular operational avalanche forecasting services for 2024-25 winter season will resume from 01st Nov 2024.
5. This is for information of all concerned.

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