

F.No. 13029/3/2013-K.VI
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
J&K Division

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 8th December, 2016

To

✓ The Chief Secretary
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Jammu.

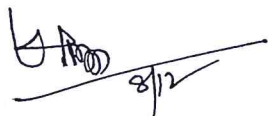
Sub: Proposal for subsidized helicopter services in J&K.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Jammu & Kashmir's Civil Aviation Department's letter No. CMS/CAD/14-II/2009 dated 25.11.2016 and subsequent letter No. CAW(Estt) 28/2009/II/6080-83 dated 30.11.2016 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the competent authority has accorded its approval for operation of helicopter services in the State of Jammu & Kashmir on a pilot basis in following 5 (five) critical sectors:-

- (i) Bandipora – Kanzalwan – Dawar – Niru – Bandipora
- (ii) Kupwara – Machil – Tangdhar – Keran – Kupwara
- (iii) Kishtwar – Sounder – Navapachi – Inshan – Kishtwar
- (iv) Jammu – Rajouri – Poonch – Jammu
- (v) Jammu – Doda – Kishtwar – Jammu

2. Besides, the competent authority has also accorded its approval for changes in two sectors out of 5 sectors in Srinagar-Drass-Kargil-Zaskar-Leh, the approval of which was conveyed


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earlier, vide this Department's letter of even number dated 6th September, 2016. The revised sectors are as under:-

- (i) Srinagar – Kargil – Srinagar
- (ii) Srinagar – Drass – Srinagar
- (iii) Kargil – Padum – Leh – Padum – Kargil
- (iv) Leh – Lingshed – **Neerak** - Leh
- (v) Srinagar – Leh – **Nubra** -Srinagar

3. It is requested that further course of action for finalization of heli-operations in the above mentioned 10 (Ten) sectors may kindly be taken on priority basis in accordance with the stipulations contained in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 6th September, 2016.

Yours faithfully,


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To

The Chief Secretary
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Srinagar.

Sub: Proposal for subsidized helicopter services in J&K.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Jammu & Kashmir's Civil Aviation Department's letter No.CAW(Estt) 28/2009/73 dated 6th May, 2013 and subsequent letter No.CMS/CAD/14-II/2009 dated 23.4.2015 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the competent authority has accorded its approval for operation of helicopter services in the State of Jammu & Kashmir **on a pilot basis in 10 sectors**, as per following stipulations:

- (i) The most inaccessible destination points should be chosen. The scheme can be extended to other/additional sectors at a later date depending upon the assessment of the justifiable needs of the local population.
- (ii) The recommendation of the Joint Working Group for the following five sectors in Srinagar-Drass-Kargil-Zaskar-Leh has been accepted:

- 1) Srinagar – Kargil – Srinagar
- 2) Srinagar – Drass – Srinagar
- 3) Kargil – Padum – Leh – Padum – Kargil
- 4) Leh – Lingshed – Leh
- 5) Srinagar – Leh – Srinagar

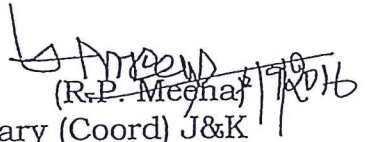
However, the above 5 sectors may be re-aligned based on the fresh assessment made by Government of J&K in consultation with MHA.

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- (iii) Remaining five most critical sectors in the State will be re-identified/chosen and finalized with number of flying hours by the State Government in consultation with the Ministry based on current justifiable needs.
 - (iv) While deciding the sectors for providing the air connectivity, the difference of time between the road travel and air travel may be taken as an important factor.
 - (v) The tentative cost estimates for 10 sectors in respect of J&K have been worked out at Rs. 24.60 crore. After taking into account the flat 20% on account of passenger recovery or actual, whichever is more, the subsidy component comes to Rs. 19.68 crore. Ministry of Home Affairs' share being 75% works out to Rs. 14.76 crore. Actual sectors and number of flying hours will be taken into consideration after being finalized by the State Government. Similarly, the subsidy component will be firmed up after the tendered cost is provided to the Ministry by the State Government.
 - (vi) The Government of India will subsidize only the cost towards actual number of entitled passengers utilizing the helicopter services. No subsidy will be provided for the vacant seats.
 - (vii) The subsidy portion of the Ministry of Home Affairs will be limited to 75% of the operational cost after deducting flat 20% on account of passenger recovery or actual recovery, whichever is more.
 - (viii) Emergency services and common passenger services to the local residents of the State will be provided on priority and at subsidized rates.
 - (ix) VIPs, Officers of the State Government on tour, Income tax payers or tourists will not be eligible for subsidized fares. Such persons will have to pay full fare subject to availability of seats.
 - (x) The operator of the services will be selected by open tender process by the State Government.
 - (xi) The operation of helicopter services in the State will continue till March, 2017 or expiry of contract, whichever is earlier.
 - (xii) The rationalization of subsidy will be done in terms of per hour flying charges for operation of helicopter subsidy scheme in the

State immediately after the tendered cost is discovered so that the required changes are made effective post March, 2017.

- (xiii) Review and rationalization of annual ceiling of flying hours vis-à-vis actual utilization as well as internal review of the sectors/scheme will be carried out in consultation with Financial Advisers of Ministry of Home Affairs and Civil Aviation after March, 2017.

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