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**The Member (ANS)**  
**Airports Authority of India**  
**Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,**  
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*Misutilization of rated controllers at non-functional airports.*

Sir,

As you are aware, two radar controllers including one OJT instructor from Kolkata have been posted at Pakyong Airport in the Annual Transfers 2017. Despite several requests from individuals and ATC Guild, this whimsical decision has not been reversed so far. We do not have an iota of doubt that the highly rated Pakyong Airport needs ATM officers, but the posting of all rated controllers at this yet to be airport is inexplicable.

It is a matter of fact that after the introduction two stream ratings, big airports are finding difficulty in managing rated officers especially radar controllers. In this situation, sacrificing two radar controllers at a non-functional airport like Pakyong is good enough to expose the inappropriate management of ATCOs by the ATM Directorate. ATC Guild has requested time and again in the past that the low density airports and non-functional airports shall be managed by the ATCOs, who are interested and do not have radar ratings. At the cost of reiteration, it is mentioned that ATC Guild is not averse to posting ATCOs at these stations, but the suitability of such postings shall be based on the face value of an ATCO.

In view of the above, it is requested to move the radar controllers on attachment to Kolkata Airport before 16.11.2017 for maintenance of currency of ratings and depute one non-radar / less rated ATCO from Kolkata to Pakyong Airport, which will be beneficial for the organisation as well as the individuals.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully

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