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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' GUILD (INDIA)

CC/ATCG/Operations/2020/03

March 4, 2020



The Chairman
Airports Authority of India
Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan
New Delhi -110 003.

Sub.: Request for suspension of Breath Analyzer Test (BAT) and Biometric Attendance System (BAS) in the wake of COVID -19 Outbreak-reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer our earlier communication vide letter no CC/ATCG/Operations/2020/02 dated 6th February, 2020 wherein a request was made to suspend Breath Analyzer Test temporarily which has been made mandatory for airside operations staff from 2019 as per the DGCA Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR).

As we all are aware, whole world is staggering under the bane of dreaded COVID-19 virus which has spread to most of the countries. It is learnt that this virus mostly spread through personal contact. As per Indian media more than 30 positive cases have been reported in India and the number of infected persons is rising day by day. Government in certain cases have ordered shutting down of schools and other premises to arrest spreading of this virus. It is a known fact that airport is the most vulnerable place for which transiting foreigners are likely to infect airport employees. If unfortunately someone reports positive of this virus in Air Traffic Control Services Office, it is destined to spread at a rapid pace through BA Test equipment and Biometric Attendance System. Therefore, it is imperative to adopt proactive measures like suspension of Breath Analyzer Test and Biometric Attendance System temporarily for protection of ATS Personnel and provision of uninterrupted ATS Services. Despite an earlier request, for preventive measures, no action has been initiated so far.

In view of the above, ATC Guild would like to submit following suggestions:

1. Thermal Screening of Staff/Visitors/Handlers/ Dispatchers at the entry gate itself.
2. Sanitizers to be placed within the office premises at every nook and corner. Periodical and frequent sanitization of office should be done multiple times in a day.
3. Sanitization of visitors pass and documents provided by handlers.
4. Immediate suspension of Breath Analyzer test (BAT) and Biometric Attendance System (BAS).

ATCOs are working in operation and manning channels 24*7 to provide safe, expeditious and orderly air traffic services.

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Under these prevailing circumstances we kindly request your good office to initiate early preventive action as suggested above in the best interest of the organization to prevent the spread of this contagious disease until Government of India declares situation under control.

We assure you full cooperation.

With regards,



(Alok Yadav)
General Secretary

Copy to: **The Member (ANS), Airports Authority of India, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi-03**

