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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' GUILD (INDIA)

CC/ATCG/Operations/2021/01

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The Director General of Civil Aviation,  
Safdarjung Airport,  
New Delhi.

**Subject: Suspension of Breath Analyser Examination for ATCOs -reg.**

Sir,

Reference: DGCA order no. DGCA-15031/4/2020-DAS dated 07-09-2020, Part-IV

Air Traffic Controllers whole over India on duty are subjected to random Breath Analyser Examination under DGCA order no. DGCA-15031/4/2020-DAS dated 07-09-2020, Part-IV in compliance to CAR Section-5, Series-F, Part-III and CAR Section-5, Series-F, Part-IV.

The above referred order has been issued subsequent to the first wave of COVID-19 spread all over India. The ATCOs all over India has been undergoing the Breath Analyser Examination meticulously subject to the conditions laid down by the above referred order.

The nation is in the verge of another lock down due to the rapid and exponential spread of COVID 19 infection all over India. The recent reports hint at second wave to be more severe and causing massive casualties and spreading very fast inside rural areas. To curtail its spread State Governments all over India are taking various precautionary and preventive steps. Schools and training establishments are closed and night curfew has been imposed by many States.

The flight operation all over the country is in a revival path and the number of flights is also increased. In the wake of such a situation full strength of ATCOs are required in a shift to manage the Air Traffic Service Unit. Any spread in COVID 19 among ATCOs will have catastrophic effect in managing the duties. A contingency roster with minimum ATCOs in a shift will be extremely difficult due to the Watch duty Time Limitations and other ATCO Licensing procedures and compliances. Most of the breath analyser examinations for ATCOs are carried out in medical rooms located closer to public place.

In view of the above, ATC Guild (I) as professional body request to suspend the breath analyser examination of ATCOs all over India to avoid any rapid spread of COVID 19 infection. Suspension of the above examination is not only essential for the safety of the individual but also for the smooth functioning of the ATS.

Hence, it is submitted that urgent action may please be initiated for the suspension of the Breath Analyser Examination of ATCOs all over India.

We assure you full cooperation.

(Alok Yadav)  
General Secretary

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