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To,
General Manager (ATM)
DATS Complex,
IGI Airport, New Delhi

Subject: Regarding exemption for transfer session-2020 from IGI Airport

Sir,

ATC Guild (I)-NR would like to learn on the subject of transfer of controllers from IGI airport in transfer session-2020. IGI Airport has seen a healthy traffic growth of 18% in the year 2019-2020. With enhanced declared capacity of 85, already trained manpower is under tremendous stress and any single transfer will further aggravate the situation.

It is submitted that new automation system requires more time to stabilize and recently there are many instances in which 4 to 5 times AFTN failed, track splitting, spurious target and partial failure of system occurred. The trained and skilled manpower having more experience and exposure are required to manage these critical situations.

Further, these ATCOs will be required for the various ongoing and upcoming projects at IGI airport. There are many projects in pipeline to enhance the capacity of IGI airports keeping in the safety of aircraft at the foremost which are;

- 1) Operation of fourth runway and expansion of SMC positions & tower positions as there are more than 100 new bays are coming. Therefore, the traffic is going to be increased on rapid rate. Already one new SMC (W) position has been made operational recently.
- 2) Modernization and restructuring of Delhi airspace including Upper area harmonization.
- 3) Planning of bifurcation of approach, creating feeder sectors, independent parallel approaches and more sectors in area control center. Approach (North) and Approach (South) sector has been made operational recently.
- 4) Training and meeting with the consultants of NATS for the HIRO (high intensity runway operation) project, simulator exercises.

Already, there is a shortage of trained rated manpower both in shifts and general duty. Due to above projects, there is requirement of trained manpower on short notice from shifts and general duty which is creating acute shortage in shift and also ATCOs are not getting leave as or when their requirements.

To cater the above projects within the stipulated time, ATC Guild (I)-NR is requesting to your good office to exempt all the controllers for the forthcoming transfer session-2020 on the operational ground in the interest of safety and continuity. So that there shall not be any constraints of the manpower. It is also requested to share the road map (future plan) of forth runway operation.

Thanking you and assuring our best co-operation all the times.

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ATC Guild (I)-NR

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