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To

The Chairman

Airports Authority of India
Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,
Safdarjung Airports,
New Delhi.

Subject: Creation of Separate ED(Fire) Post for Fire Service Cadre of AAI.

Sir,

Requirement of Fire Service Cadre of having a separate Executive Director (Fire Services) post has been neglected for a long time despite the issue being taken & discussed at various forums and even though having such a huge responsibility of Fire and Safety of AAI Airports and aircraft operations.

In this regard, following points are submitted for your kind consideration: -

1. AAI Fire Services has the second largest manpower strength after ANS Department. Major portion of this manpower comprises of non-executive.
2. Fire Directorate extensively deals with Technical matters related to Fire Prevention & Protection Engineering, drafting Specifications of various Fire Fighting equipment/appliances/firefighting simulators as per NFPA/EN/NBC etc. international standards. A Person having a Fire Engineering and Fire Fighting Technology background would facilitate requisite decision making and with valuable Technical inputs to the management. This will improve the day to day functioning of the Fire Directorate with adequate delegation of power and thereby improving efficiency of the Fire Service which is a Safety Critical Directorate. This is in line with the AAI vision and mission statement having focus on the passenger safety.
3. With the evolving time, function of Fire Service is not limited to Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting only. Additional responsibilities of Disaster Management, Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Emergency Management and Fire Prevention at Airport are entrusted with accountability as per Disaster Management Act, 2005.
4. Growth rate of Aviation Industry is expected to increase at significant pace in coming years and requirement of ARFF services accordingly. To keep up with constantly evolving practices in ARFF worldwide, regular upgrades of equipment, training practices and policies is obligatory.

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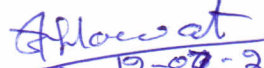
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5. AAI's Fire Training Centres have great potential for revenue generation. ED level officer is required to tap this potential for revenue generation through training & consultancy. For the purpose of better understanding of technical matters related ARFF and easier decision making ED(Fire Service) is required.
6. Additionally, operationalization of RCS Airports, provision of manpower, ACFTs, equipment, training, etc for RCS airports have put additional responsibility on Fire Directorate.
7. Moreover, Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting and Fire Safety of installations is of paramount importance for business continuity.
8. Whenever required Fire staff of all levels need to approach APD/RED and Member (Ops). He has to go through a non-fire executive which always proves hurdle in smooth running of Fire Directorate at all level resulting demoralization of fire staff which is not good for Fire staff and AAI management either.
9. Many small small Directorate in AAI are headed by Executive Directors and in some other Directorate are having many Executive Director level post.

In view of above there is enough justification to put the entire force under the charge of an officer of the level of Executive Director (Fire) who can report to the Member (Ops) for administrative purpose. This shall boost the moral of the Fire Staff besides bringing qualitative changes in the decisions about the work force.

We request you to kindly consider the above submission in the right earnest and arrive at appropriate decision in the matter. Till such time administrative arrangements may be made for the direct reporting of Fire Directorate to Member (Ops) directly.

Yours faithfully,


(Balraj Singh Ahlawat)
General Secretary
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