## एयरपोर्टस अथारिटी एम्पलाइज यूनियन Airports Authority Employees' Union (Regd. No. 3515 & Recognised)



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The Hon'ble Prime Minister Govt. of India, New Delhi.

## Subject: NON-PAYMENT OF REVENUE SHARE BY DIAL/MIAL INVOKING FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE DUE COVID.

Sir,

As we all know that due to Covid 19 resulting in lock downs and suspension of domestic as well as international flights, the aviation industry had suffered a lot. It was due to this condition that Government had extended helping hand to all sections of the society by every possible means for which the entire country is indebted to you, Sir.

It was under the compulsions created by Covid that DIAL and MIAL, the principal operators of Delhi and Mumbai Airports, stopped paying Airports Authority of India the revenue share as per Operations, Maintenance and Development Agreement (OMDA). This situation is still continuing and both the Operators are not paying any revenue even though Covid conditions do not exist any more and there is all round increase in aviation activity with even international air travel also opening up. This situation of continuous refusal of sharing the revenue with AAI, as per OMDA, is not appropriate and is hurting the finances of AAI the most. It is also creating problems for the ambitious program of the government to provide air connectivity to smaller places where AAI has been asked to develop new airports. Without proper budgetary support it is becoming difficult for AAI to sustain and there is no reason as to why both the leading Airport Operators should not pay AAI the dues which the Authority is entitled to under OMDA.

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We had warned the then Government of the ill effects of privatization but the same were not heeded to and now our fears are translating into reality with the Private Operators playing their nefarious game. Had the airports been maintained by AAI, such situation would not have occurred and AAI would not only have maintained the airports but also earn substantial revenue to share the same with the government in the form of income and dividend tax as well.

The force majeure clause cannot be invoked till infinity and when the business community is paying GST and GST collections have grown phenomenally it is hard to digest that the Airport Operators are still taking shelter under Covid 19 and invoking force majeure. The Airport Operators should be refrained from indulging in such tactics which result in hampering the development of aviation activities in general and setting up of new airports in particular.

In view of the above, we would earnestly request your good self to kindly revisit the decision of monetizing / PPP more airports. As we have true fear that other PPP airport operators also shall follow the same path some time in future and then AAI will be nowhere. Having full faith in your good self we hope that appropriate decision in this matter shall come from appropriate level.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

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