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### COLLECTION OF USER DEVELOPMENT FEE

Rule 89 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, provides that the licensee of an airport is entitled to collect User Development Fee (UDF) at such rate as the Central Government may specify. Pursuant to the said rule 89, the competent authority has approved the levy of ad-hoc User Development Fee (in Rs. per embarking passengers, inclusive of service tax and collection charges) at the rate of Rs.150 (Rupees one hundred and fifty only) for domestic passengers and Rs. 975/-(Rupees nine thousand and seventy five only) for international passengers for a period of 20 years at Varanasi airport, w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

2. Following categories of persons may be exempted for the levy of User Development Fees:

- (a) Infant, i.e., those persons who are travelling on infant tickets issued by the airlines;
- (b) Holders of Diplomatic Passports;
- (c) Airlines crew on duty;
- (d) Persons travelling on official duty on aircraft operated by Indian Armed Forces;
- (e) Transit/transfer passenger(less than 6 Hrs. stay in Varanasi airport);
- (f) Passengers departing from Varanasi airport due to involuntary re-routing i.e. technical problems or weather conditions etc.

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