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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, Central Government have approved, on ad-hoc basis, levy of UDF at following rates at the new international airports at Hyderabad and Bangalore:

- (i) International departing passengers Rs. 1,000/- per passenger for Hyderabad and Rs. 1070/- for Bangalore.
- (ii) Domestic departing passengers Rs. 375/-per passenger for Hyderabad.

2. In respect of levy of Passenger Service Fee (PSF) under Rule 88 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, a system/procedure is already established whereby airlines collect the PSF from the passengers and remit the same to the airport operator at a collection charge of Rs. 5/- per passenger.

3. Therefore, in order to obviate inconvenience to the passengers wherein they have to separately pay the UDF at the respective airports before embarking on their journey, and for smooth and orderly air transport/airport operations, it has been decided that all the airlines shall collect the User Development Fee from the passengers at the time of issue of the air ticket for the journey and remit the same to the airport operator in line with the system/procedure in vogue in respect of collection of PSF. Collection charges receivable by the airlines in respect of UDF should in no case exceed Rs. 5 per passenger. Further, airline collection charges shall be borne entirely by the concerned airport operator and the burden thereof shall not be passed on to the passenger, in any manner.