

Proceedings of Meeting on Enhancing Air Connectivity to Bhubaneswar, Jharsugda and Rourkela

A meeting was held on 23/12/2022 at 6:30P.M. at Odisha Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary Commerce and Transport Department in view of upcoming Hockey Men's world cup 2023 at Rourkela and Bhubaneswar. This meeting was attended by CEOs/Senior executive of all leading Airlines like M/s Air India, M/s Alliance Air, M/s Air Asia India, M/s Inter Globe Aviation Ltd., M/s Spice Jet, M/s Vistara, M/s Fly Big ,M/s Akash Air ,M/s India one Air etc. List of participants is enclosed in annexure 1.

Initiating discussion, Principal Secretary Present the PPT on Hockey world cup 2023 and preparation of the state for the upcoming International Event. She sought support and coordination of airlines to enhance air connectivity to Bhubaneswar, Jharsugda and Rourkela Some clarifications were sought for by the participant Airlines, regarding tender floated for chartered flights. After discussion with the participant airlines following decision were taken:-

1. Form for power of attorney needs modification as it required consent of board of directors which is not possible to obtain within short period of tender. Since these are short tenders due to paucity of time, an undertaking by airlines should be submitted, in case they are not submitting form of attorney for the purpose.
2. Regarding Bids applied for different types of aircraft it is clarified that each category of aircraft would be evaluated separately.
3. If the flights are used for travelling of regular passengers(with the permissions of State Government) same terms and condition as followed by the scheduled airlines would be applicable.
4. Any amount made out of the ticket selling by airlines for the passengers would be adjusted against the amount to be paid to the airlines. Alternatively Government of Odisha is free to decide on sale of tickets for passengers if required on predetermined fares.
5. Required admissible support for the operation of these chartered aircrafts would be provided by State Government on getting specific request in advance from the concerned airline operator.
6. It was noted that, as scheduled airlines are having higher level of licensing requirements than NSOP, they are allowed to operate chartered flights too. Hence, it was clarified that the scheduled airlines can also participate in the bidding.

Meeting ended with thanks to chair and participants.

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