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(B.S. Bhullar)  
 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

### ORDER

**SUBJECT:- REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY FUND (RCF)- LEVY ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS.**

In exercise of powers conferred under Rule 88-C of Aircraft Rules, 1937 inserted vide GSR 994(E) of Notification of this Ministry dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016, the Central Government has decided to impose a levy on the following scheduled flights being operated within India, at the rates indicated against them, to fund the Regional Air Connectivity Fund created under powers conferred under Rule 88-B of the Aircraft Rules, 1937:

Sl. No.	Category	Levy per departure
1.	Scheduled flights being operated within India with Stage length upto 1000 km between origin and destination airports	Rs. 7,500/-
2.	Scheduled flights being operated within India with Stage length more than 1000 km to 1500 km between origin and destination airports	Rs. 8,000/-
3.	Scheduled flights being operated within India with Stage length above 1500 km between origin and destination airports	Rs. 8,500/-

However, following flights shall be exempted from said the levy:-

- (i) Flights operated on CAT II/ CAT II A routes as specified in the Route Dispersal Guidelines issued under Rule 134 (1A).
- (ii) Flights operated on Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) Routes pursuant to the Regional Connectivity Scheme of the Central Government.
- (iii) Flights operated with aircrafts having maximum certified take off mass not exceeding 40,000 kg.

2. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is hereby designated as the agency responsible for collecting the levy from the airline operators, and keeping it in a separate ESCROW account for use under Regional Connectivity Scheme of Ministry of Civil Aviation.

3. This levy will come into effect from 01.12.2016.

4. The RCF shall be subject to audit by the C&AG of India.

5. This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

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2. All Chief Secretaries of the State Governments/UTs
3. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India
4. The Controller General of Accounts
5. Chairman, AAI
6. All Scheduled Airlines
7. All Airport Operators
8. Principal Accounts Office, Ministry of Civil Aviation