

INTER-STATE AIR SERVICE POLICY

- An ardent need for Air Services is being felt in the state of Uttar Pradesh for tourism promotion so that tourists can easily commute to the various places in the different parts of the state. Taking into account the vast size of the state this type of service will not only encourage business and economy but the transportation will also be much easier to distant places in the state. This service will specially benefit the tourists visiting the Buddhist Circuit here. Apart from this, cities like Jhansi, Agra, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Bareilly, Meerut, Allahabad, Lucknow etc will be inter-connected as well as would be connected with other tourist spots.
- The Government has named UP State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd as a nodal department for initiating all the works related to air services in the state. With the objective of encouraging air services, the State Government will start air services on the following routes in the first phase:-

(1) Lucknow-Allahabad-Lucknow	(7) Varanasi-Muirpur-Varanasi
(2) Lucknow-Agra-Lucknow	(8) Moradabad-Allahabad-Moradabad
(3) Lucknow-Varanasi-Lucknow	(9) Meerut-Allahabad-Meerut
(4) Lucknow-Meerut-Lucknow	(10) Moradabad-Lucknow- Moradabad
(5) Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Lucknow	(11) Chitrakoot-Lucknow- Chitrakoot
(6) Lucknow-Muirpur-Lucknow	(12) Lucknow- Kushinagar-Lucknow

- After due deliberation, it has been decided that the following facilities/subsidy would be made available to the Air Service Providers of scheduled/non scheduled airlines for operating on the aforementioned routes:-
 - (i) For operating air services in UP on selected air routes, underwriting would be done at the rate of Rs 20 per km per seat.
 - (ii) The State Government would provide the facility of underwriting on a maximum of 50% of total available seats or 9 seats (whichever is less) for any flight. In the case of underwritten seats going vacant in any flight, the corresponding amount equivalent to number of underwritten seats which have remained vacant will be compensated by the State Government. The State Government would get the seat reservation of authorized person/officer primarily against the underwritten seats. In the event of underwritten seats being already consumed, the person/officers authorized by the State Government would be able to travel on the open market rates too.
 - (iii) The non scheduled airlines would be also provided rebate on the VAT rate on the lines of scheduled airlines using aero planes weighing upto a maximum of 40000 kgs at the time of flight; in place of 21%, the service provider will have to pay 4% VAT only. The facility of rebate in VAT would be granted to only those airlines which will operate air services within the State i.e. the take-off & landing of aero planes would be from airports/air strips situated in the State.
 - (iv) Landing and parking facility would be free for initial 3 years on the air strips which come under the control of the State Govt.
 - (v) The Air Service Provider would use only twin-engine aeroplane for the air service.
 - (vi) The Government officials on using air service would be entitled for the fare equivalent to the rate of underwritten seat, which will be permissible only till the availability of

underwritten seat. In the event of underwritten seat being unavailable, prevailing market rate would be permissible to the Government officials. Above mentioned Government officials mean officers of the State Government, employee/officer of Public sector undertakings under the control of State Government, Autonomous bodies, local bodies etc i.e. all officers/employees who are eligible for air travel or who have been permitted for air travel by State Government and whose salaries are drawn through State Government's grant of salary & non salary head or they are employee of any society, autonomous body or public sector undertaking under the control of State Government.

- (vii) In the state UPTOURS, the travel division of UP State Tourism Development Corporation, has its offices at Lucknow, Allahabad, Agra, Varanasi & Jhansi. For maintaining transparency in air services/ticketing/seat availability, the operation of web portal to be used by the air service provider would be jointly done by air service provider and UPTOURS, so that the correct position of seats being underwritten is in the knowledge of the nodal department.
 - (viii) For ensuring regular operation of air services by Air Service Provider and ensuring compliance to all the parameters and conditions laid down for the air service operations by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, DGCA and State's Civil Aviation department, the UP State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd will appoint a person on contractual/deputation basis, having specialization (a minimum experience of 5 years) in the field of air operations and the specialist such appointed will be paid remuneration/salary by the UP State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.
 - (ix) The number of seats demarcated under subsidy would be shown with a separate code on the web portal, so that the booking for the travel of State Government's authorized person/Government officials could be done.
 - (x) The Government officials would provide the demarcated identity card number on the web portal for travelling on the seats shown in the form of a separate code proportionate to the seats funded by the govt.
 - (xi) The Air Services Provider would at its own expense arrange for sufficient quantity of insurance etc in the air service operation for its crew members & passengers and third party and would comply with all rules laid down by DGCA.
 - (xii) The Air Services Provider would ensure all security related provisions and maintenance of aircrafts during the air services operation.
 - (xiii) For air services operation, the Air Service Provider would appoint pilot and other employees under the rules laid down by DGCA.
 - (xiv) In the air services operation, the Air Services Provider would bear the charges related to air service viz landing charges, parking charges and other aviation charges on air strips other than the air strips under the control of the state government. The arrangements for ambulance and fire fighting tenders would have to be done on its own by the Air Services Provider as per the norms of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). Pre-fixed charges for fire brigade, ambulance will have to be paid and the security arrangement would be made available by the State Government.
- The above policy would be applicable in the state for initially 3 years; for its quarterly (at every 3 months) review a committee would be constituted headed by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of U.P.
