

रक्षा मंत्री भारत MINISTER OF DEFENCE INDIA

DO.No. V-99011/19/2017-D (HAL-I)/3023-F/RM/17 July, 2017

Dear Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

This has reference to your letter dated 14th March, 2017 regarding loss of revenues to HAL Airport in Bengaluru.

The matter was taken up with Ministry of Civil Aviation for considering the re-opening of HAL Airport at Bengaluru for commercial operations. After examining the matter they have informed that as per the "Exclusivity Clause 5.2 of the Concession Agreement", no new or existing airport shall be permitted by Government of India to be developed as, or improved or upgraded into, an International/Domestic Airport within an aerial distance of 150 kilometers of the Airport before the twenty fifth anniversary of the Airport Opening Date. Hence, the HAL Airport cannot be reopened before the 25th anniversary of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru with effect from 24.05.2008.

I hope you will appreciate the position.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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