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Tender Cancellation Notice

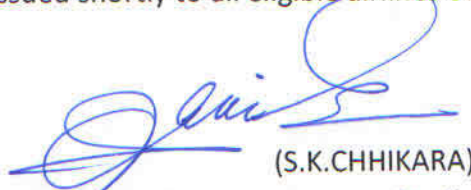
Ministry of Civil Aviation had issued Tender Document No.Haj-2012/MoCA dated 24.4.2012, inviting sealed quotations from the designated airlines of India and kingdom of Saudi Arabia for providing air travel services to the pilgrims sponsored by Haj Committee of India for Haj-2012. As per clause 7 of the tender document airlines were required to submit a "No Objection Certificate" from GACA (for KSA Carriers)/DGCA (Indian Carriers) along with their quotation. It was also provided that quotations received without the NOC shall not be considered.

2. Saudi Arabian Airlines, NAS, Air India, Spicejet Limited and Religare Aviation Limited submitted their quotations. At the time of opening of their quotations, the Haj Air Travel Committee(HATC) found that Saudi Arabian Airlines and Spicejet Limited had not submitted the mandatory NOC. Religare was not eligible as it was not a designated carrier. Air India had submitted quotation for only one embarkation point i.e. Srinagar and NAS had submitted quotation for 20 embarkation points(except Srinagar). So Air India and NAS were the only airlines which had submitted the valid quotations but only one quotation was available for each embarkation point. Keeping in mind the fact that Saudi Arabian Airlines is the national carrier of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Spicejet has been designated by India to operate on Delhi-Riyadh sector, the HATC decided to accept the quotations of both the airlines subject to the condition that they would submit the same urgently. Saudi Arabian Airlines submitted the NOC on 23.5.2012 and Spicejet on 20.6.2012.

3. Subsequently, some of the tendering airlines and others submitted objections against acceptance of quotations of airlines without NOC. The objections were placed before the Competent Authority and after evaluating these in terms of General Financial Rules of Government of India and Central Vigilance Commission Guidelines, it was found that the conditions of the Tender Document cannot be relaxed at the time of opening the Tender.

4. **As such it has been decided by the Competent Authority to cancel the above mentioned tender.**

5. A fresh short duration Tender is proposed to be issued shortly to all eligible airlines of India and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.


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