

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi

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**Subject: Conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to entities under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and State/UT Police regarding operation of drones**

1. The Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 70 of the UAS Rules, 2021, grants conditional exemption from UAS Rules, 2021, to agencies/ organisations/ departments/ entities under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and State/ UT Police (collectively referred to, hereinafter, as the 'Exempted Entities') for operation of drones, until further orders.
2. MHA shall be the designated authority for granting necessary permissions/ exemptions to the Exempted Entities regarding operation of drones.
3. MHA shall frame the necessary rules/ guidelines/ Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) regarding the technical specifications and regulatory mechanism for safe operation of drones by the Exempted Entities, especially in areas inhabited by civilians and airspaces close to the flight paths of aircraft. In controlled airspaces, prior approval from the local Air Traffic Control authority (civil or military, as applicable) shall be taken before commencing a drone operation.



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