AV-29017/17/2021-SDIT-MOCA Government of India Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi 29 Apr 2021

Subject: Conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to Government of Telangana for conducting experimental delivery of vaccines using drones within Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) range

- 1. Whereas, the Government of Telangana (the 'Applicant') had, vide email dated 09 Mar 2021 sought an exemption from UAS Rules, 2021 for the afore-mentioned purpose.
- 2. Whereas, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), vide email dated 26 Apr 2021, accorded approval of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the aforementioned purpose.
- 3. Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 70 of the UAS Rules, 2021, grants conditional exemption to the Applicant for a period of one year or until further orders, whichever is earlier, from the UAS Rules 2021 for the afore-mentioned purpose. This shall be subject to complete adherence to the conditions as mentioned in the approved SOP.

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