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To

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**Sub.:** Request for continuing Air Services by Jet Airways to areas of North East

Respected Sirs,

Association of Scientific & Technical Officers (ASTO) of ONGC is the only recognized representative body of 22000 strong executive community of ONGC. ASTO has always played a major role in the phenomenal growth of the company over several decades and is an effective interface between employees and Govt. of India in order to achieve energy security for our country.

During last four and half years we have seen the present Government giving lot of impetus to development in North East under their visionary policy "LOOK EAST". This has led to tremendous growth in industrialization and rapid infrastructure development. It has also resulted in increased air traffic from that region leading to increased Air connectivity. ONGC has been running its operations in North East since last 60 years. Nearly 10000 employees of ONGC are operating in North East and efficiency in our operations is also improving due to our Government's policy for North East. Employees and their families have benefited from the increased air connectivity. In addition to that we have nearly 10000 retired employees and their families also who have been benefited by the policy of the present government.

However, it has come to our notice that one of the service providers, Jet Airways, is discontinuing its operations from North East airports like Jorhat, Silchar and Dibrugarh etc. w.e.f. 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This commercial decision of theirs is going to have a major negative impact on availability of Air services to this region. We would like to bring out that such decisions of the service provider should have been taken, only if alternate services are put in place in order to cater to ever increasing demand. After discontinuation of Jet Airways in the sector the remaining service provider would not be able to handle this demand. It is



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also to bring to your notice that their flights are running full and therefore it does not make business sense to discontinue such a profitable route. Further, it would leave the travellers at the mercy of a single service provider.

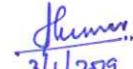
Sir, such arbitrary decisions by service provider shall hamper the overall cause of North East and does not augur well for the ambitious policy of the Government.

We therefore request your good office to advice Jet Airways not to discontinue its services w.e.f. 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 till some other additional airlines start their operations. Other service providers may also be requested to start the services else it would have an impact on the air services. Due to ever increasing demand, the cost of air travel shall also increase exponentially.

Sir, we request for an early positive action in this regard.

With warm regards,

Sincerely Yours,



(Amit Kumar)

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