Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Department of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Affairs
(C&S Section)

North Block, New Delhi
18th November, 2021

To

Chief Secretary
UT of Jammu and Kashmir
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Subject: Continuation of Subsidised Helicopter Services in UT of Jammu and Kashmir for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 -Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 14.8.2020 conveying approval of interim extension /continuation of subsidized helicopter services in UT of J&K for the period from 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021. The Competent Authority has now accorded its approval for continuation of helicopter services in UT of J&K in five routes for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 i.e. from 1.4.2021 to 31.3.2026.

(i) Five approved routes for operation of helicopter services in UT of J&K are as under:

(i) Kishtwar-Sounder-Navapachi-Ishan-Kishtwar (ii)Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch-Jammu (iii)Jammu-Doda-Kishtwar-Jammu	(iv)Bandipora-Kanzalwan-Dawar-Niru-Banipora (v)Kupwara-Machil-Tangdhar-Keran-Kupwara

(ii) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) shall provide subsidy @ 75% of total cost of operation after deducting passenger recovery or flat 20% of actual operation cost, whichever is more. The remaining cost is borne by Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Year-wise central share of operational cost of helicopter services would be as under:

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Rs. In crore	6.24	6.24	6.24	7.50	8.13

(iii) The central share of operational cost will be paid directly to helicopter operators by Ministry of Home Affairs.

(iv) MHA may increase or decrease the number of helicopters /flying hours and also start helicopter services on additional routes within the approved financial outlays.

(v) There is no restriction for private sector to operate helicopter services in the existing routes without any subsidy. Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) recommended that NITI Aayog may conduct a study for viability of helicopter operations by the private sector and explore different models for the same and MHA will provide the requisite inputs to NITI Aayog.

(vi) EFC has recommended that tendering process to engage helicopter operators will be done by either Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directly through GeM or by the State Government through GeM and contract will be awarded after vetting of the tender documents by MHA.

Current arrangement of helicopter services may be extended upto 31.3.2022 and meanwhile a fresh tender may be issued through GeM as per EFC recommendations.

You are requested to intimate whether tendering process to engage helicopters will be done by UT of J&K or by MHA.

(vii) VIPs, Officers of State/Central Government on tour, or tourists will not be eligible for subsidized fares. Such persons will have to pay full fare subject to availability of seats.

(viii) The State Government will ensure that in the event of helicopter services being utilised for VIP movements, this will be restricted to less than 25% of the total flying hours and the remaining flying hours should essentially be utilised for common passenger services.

(ix) Emergency Services and Common Passenger services to the local residents of the UT will be provided on priority and at subsidised rates.

(x) The operation of helicopter services in the Union Territory will continue till 31.3.2026.

Yours faithfully,

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To

Advisor to LG
UT of Ladakh
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Subject: Continuation of Subsidised Helicopter Services in UT fo Ladakh for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 -Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 14.8.2020 conveying approval of interim extension /continuation of subsidized helicopter services in UT of Ladakh for the period from 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021. The Competent Authority has now accorded its approval for continuation of helicopter services in UT of Ladakh in seven routes for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 i.e. from 1.4.2021 to 31.3.2026.

(i) Seven approved routes for operation of helicopter services in UT of Ladakh are as under:

(i) Srinagar-Kargil-Srinagar (ii) Srinagar-Drass-Srinagar (iii) Kargil-Padum-Kargil (iv) Leh-Padum-Leh	(v) Leh-Lingshet/Nyerak-Leh (vi) Srinagar-Leh- Srinagar (vii) Leh-Nubra(Thoise)-Leh

(ii) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) shall provide subsidy @ 75% of total cost of operation after deducting passenger recovery or flat 20% of actual operation cost, whichever is more. The remaining cost is borne by Administration of UT of Ladakh. Year-wise central share of operational cost of helicopter services would be as under:

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Rs. In crore	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.75	4.06

(iii) The central share of operational cost will be paid directly to helicopter operators by Ministry of Home Affairs.

(iv) MHA may increase or decrease the number of helicopters /flying hours and also start helicopter services on additional routes within the approved financial outlays.

(v) There is no restriction for private sector to operate helicopter services in the existing routes without any subsidy. Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) recommended that NITI Aayog may conduct a study for viability of helicopter operations by the private sector and explore different models for the same and MHA will provide the requisite inputs to NITI Aayog.

(vi) EFC has recommended that tendering process to engage helicopter operators will be done by either Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directly through GeM or by the State Government through GeM and contract will be awarded after vetting of the tender documents by MHA.

Current arrangement of helicopter services may be extended upto 31.3.2022 and meanwhile a fresh tender may be issued through GeM as per EFC recommendations

(vii) VIPs, Officers of State/Central Government on tour, or tourists will not be eligible for subsidized fares. Such persons will have to pay full fare subject to availability of seats.

(viii) The State Government will ensure that in the event of helicopter services being utilised for VIP movements, this will be restricted to less than 25% of the total flying hours and the remaining flying hours should essentially be utilised for common passenger services.

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To

Chief Secretary
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla.

Subject: Continuation of Subsidised Helicopter Services in Himachal Pradesh for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 -Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 14.8.2020 conveying approval of interim extension /continuation of subsidized helicopter services in Himachal Pradesh for the period from 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021. The Competent Authority has now accorded its approval for continuation of helicopter services in Himachal Pradesh in ten routes for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 i.e. from 1.4.2021 to 31.3.2026.

(i) Ten approved routes for operation of helicopter services in Himachal Pradesh are as under:

(i)	Chamba-Killar-Chamba	(vi)	Bhunter-Tandi (DIET)-Bhunter
(ii)	Bhunter-Killar-Bhunter	(vii)	Rampur-Kaza-Rampur
(iii)	Palampur-Bara Bhangal-Palampur	(viii)	Rampur-Pooh-Rampur
(iv)	Bhunter-Udaipur-Bhunter	(ix)	Rampur-Reckong Peo-Rampur
(v)	Bhunter-Stingri-Bhunter	(x)	Shimla-DodraKwar-Shimla

(ii) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) shall provide subsidy @ 75% of total cost of operation after deducting passenger recovery or flat 20% of actual operation cost, whichever is more. The remaining cost is borne by Government of Himachal Pradesh. Year-wise central share of operational cost of helicopter services would be as under:

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Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Rs. In crore	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.75	0.81

(iii) The central share of operational cost will be paid directly to helicopter operators by Ministry of Home Affairs.

(iv) MHA may increase or decrease the number of helicopters /flying hours and also start helicopter services on additional routes within the approved financial outlays.

(v) There is no restriction for private sector to operate helicopter services in the existing routes without any subsidy. Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) recommended that NITI Aayog may conduct a study for viability of helicopter operations by the private sector and explore different models for the same and MHA will provide the requisite inputs to NITI Aayog.

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Current arrangement of helicopter services may be extended upto 31.3.2022 and meanwhile a fresh tender may be issued through GeM as per EFC recommendations

You are requested to intimate whether tendering process to engage helicopters will be done by Himachal Pradesh or by MHA.

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