

**Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India**

**Order No. 27/ 2012-13**

**AERA Building,  
Administrative Complex,  
Safdarjung Airport,  
New Delhi -110003**

**Date of Order: 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2012  
Date of Issue: 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2012**

**In the matter of Determination of Annual Tariff submitted by Bhadra International Limited for the second tariff year (2012-13) of the first control period for providing Ground Handling Services at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata.**

M/s Bhadra International Limited (i.e., the Bhadra), vide their letter dated 10.04.2012, submitted their Annual Tariff Proposal (ATP) for providing Ground Handling Services at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBIA), Kolkata for the second tariff year commencing from 01.04.2012 wherein it is proposed to maintain the same rates for the second tariff year of the first control period as had been approved by the Authority vide MYTO no.30/2011-12 dated 28-11-2011).

2. It was decided to consider the ATP submitted by Bhadra for the second year for Stakeholder Consultation and accordingly, consultation Paper No.08/2012-13 was issued on 19.06.2012 with 14 days response time.

3. In response to the Consultation Paper, the Transport Department, Govt. of West Bengal stated that the State Govt. was in no way involved in the day-to-day activities at NSCBI Airport and as such no comments to offer on the subject. However, it was mentioned to take the decision strictly as per norms and rules with minimum inconvenience to the passengers.

4. M/s Quikjet Cargo, a Bangalore based Cargo Airline Operator, commented that the approved rates were not implemented in Kolkata in letter and spirit and there was inadequate clarity about the ceiling of minimum rates. According to the airline, minimum services for flight and cargo handling within the ceiling amount could be stipulated to avoid misinterpretation of decisions.

5. In response to the comments of Quikjet Cargo, Bhadra has made submissions that the ground handling services at Kolkata Airport for all airlines are rendered at the approved rates for the type and capacity of International and Domestic Passenger and Freighter Aircrafts. The rates are inclusive of the levy payable to AAI as per the NIT conditions of the global tendering criteria for



selection of Ground Handling Service Provider. Bhadra, has further stated that the rates are agreed with the airlines as Service Level Agreements for scheduled operations, where proper planning can be envisaged well in advance for the manpower requirement in shifts and the handling equipments. The non-scheduled freighter operations always involve more cost due to the short notice intimations and their untimely departures based on their cargo availability. However, services are provided to domestic non-scheduled freighter operations based on agreed rates as per SGHA.

6. The Authority observed that the comments of Quikjet, about non-implementation of the approved tariffs for ground handling services at Kolkata airport, have not been substantiated with any evidence/instance of violation of the Authority's order determining the tariffs. Further, on the issue of the ceiling tariff and the minimum services to be provided under the said ceiling tariffs, it was observed that the ground handling agreements have a vast gamut of services on offer, out of which depending upon the requirements, the contracting parties may decide upon any set of services therefrom. Given this fact, it is practically impossible for the Authority to enumerate the services that must be provided by the ground handling service provider against each of the tariff item – as the same is inherently non-determinable being based on the requirement of each individual aircraft operator. Hence, the Authority may not enumerate the services to be provided by the ground handling service provider against each ceiling tariff rate.

**ORDER:**

7. Upon careful consideration of material available on record the Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(1)(a) of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008, hereby orders that:

- (i) The Tariffs for the second tariff year (2012-13) of the first control period for Ground Handling Services provided by M/s Bhadra at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata are determined w.e.f 01.04.2012 as at **Annexure-I**.

**By the Order of and in the  
Name of the Authority**

  
**(Capt. Kapil Chaudhary)  
Secretary**

**To  
M/s Bhadra International India Limited,  
B-4/62, Safdarjung Enclave,  
New Delhi - 110 029  
(Through: Shri Prem Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director)**



## Annexure-I

### **Bhadra International India Limited**

#### **TARIFF FOR SECOND TARIFF YEAR (2012-13)**

Station Name: NSCBI Airport, Kolkata

<b>Tariff Heading</b>	<b>Conditions of Tariff</b>
<b>A-International</b>	Maximum Tariff per Flight in (INR)
<b>a-Passenger Flights</b>	
A320(Narrow Body)Upper Limit	1,25,208
A320(Narrow Body)Lower Limit	83,472
A300/310 Upper Limit	1,55,100
A300/310 Lower Limit	1,36,300
Wide Body(747/777)Lower Limit	1,73,900
Wide Body(747/777)Upper Limit	2,02,100
<b>b-Freighter</b>	
Freighter Lower Limit	1,55,100
Freighter Upper Limit	2,11,500
<b>B-Domestic</b>	
<b>a- Passenger Flights</b>	
Learjet, Jetstream,DH6,C560	12,600
YAK40,CL60,F50,F27,F28,C750,AN24,ATR42,ATR72,HS748,HS125,DA90,G-2 to GB,TU124,TU134,CRJ,EM4,CV580,BAC111,BE2	20,250
AN8,AN12,B737-100/200,IL18,DC9,MD82,F70,F100	36,000
A320,A321,B727,B737-500 to 800,C130,MD 83/87/88/90,TU154,TU104	45,000
B757,TU204,B707,C106	45,000
A310,A300,A330,B767,II62,IL76,DC8,787-3	54,000
A340,B777,DC10,IL86,IL96,MD11,L1011,B747,AN124	99,000
<b>b-Freighter</b>	
Freighter A310	74,730
Freighter ATR	21,620

