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# AAI to allow banks to open currency exchange counters at airports temporarily

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To ease the difficulties faced by air travellers and airlines following demonetisation, the Airports Authority of India has decided to allow scheduled commercial banks to open and operate currency exchange counters (small) on temporary basis at its airports. Among other incentives, no charges will be levied on the space and electricity used by the bank-operated counters at airports across the country up to December 31.

State-owned AAI owns and operates over 70 airports in the country, including those in Chennai and Kolkata.

Government sources said that airports set up under the public-private partnership mode — Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru — are not being considered now as they already have enough counters.

All airports, including those under the PPP mode, are providing free parking till November 21 to ease the hardship of users.

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