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Advisory to owners/operators of Uncontrolled Airstrips

It has been observed that several uncontrolled airstrips across the country are being utilized for landing and departure of aircraft. It is also noted with concern that, in the past, certain accidents and incidents have occurred at and in the vicinity of such airstrips, highlighting the critical importance of maintaining adequate safety standards for aircraft operations.

DGCA Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), Section 4, Series B, Part VI, prescribes the minimum safety requirements to be complied with by operators of airstrips used for aircraft operations. However, it has come to the notice of DGCA that a number of such airstrips are not being maintained in accordance with the prescribed standards, thereby adversely affecting the safety of flight operations.

In view of the above, all such airport and airstrip operators are advised to undertake an immediate review of the operational condition of their facilities and ensure strict compliance with the applicable provisions of DGCA CAR Section 4, Series B, Part VI. Operators are further advised to carry out periodic inspections and maintenance of critical infrastructure, including runways, taxiways, aprons, visual aids, markings, drainage systems, boundary fencing, and access control arrangements. Any deficiencies affecting operational safety should be rectified without delay. Adequate resources should be allocated for infrastructure upkeep to ensure that facilities remain serviceable and safe for aircraft operations throughout the year.

DGCA also encourages operators of airstrips that are regularly used for aircraft operations to obtain an Aerodrome Licence, wherever applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the Aircraft Rules and relevant DGCA requirements.


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To
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