

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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HELICOPTER CRASHES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of helicopters operating in the civil aviation sector at present;
- (b) whether a number of helicopter crashes took place during the last three years and the current year causing the death of many VVIPs and other persons;
- (c) if so, the details of such cases, year-wise and location-wise; and
- (d) the remedial measures being taken in this regard including the guidelines issued for safe operation of helicopters?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a):- At present there are 295 civil helicopters operating in the country.

(b) and (c):- Details of accidents occurred during the last three years and the current year are annexed.

(d):- Various accident prevention programmes have been initiated by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which include safety audits & surveillance inspections of operators, dissemination of safety information, issue of Air Safety Circular/ Civil Aviation Requirements, establishment of Aviation Safety Board, enhanced training of pilots, etc. Further, safety recommendations emanating from investigation of helicopter accidents are followed up for implementation by the concerned agencies to prevent recurrence of similar accidents.