

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR CRASHES ACCIDENTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the assessment of number of helicopter/ plane crashes in the country alongwith the loss of life and property reported during each of the last three years and the current year, incident-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry to find out the causes of such crashes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor, incident-wise;
- (d) whether the Government/ Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) proposes to introduce a guideline for helicopter operations in the country/ mapping of air routes for helicopters to prevent air crashes/ accidents; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI AJIT SINGH )

(a) to (c): A total number of 21 aircraft accidents have taken place in the country during 2009-2011 and 5 aircraft accidents have taken place till date 2012. The Government has conducted enquiries to find out the causes of such crashes. The details regarding loss of life and property and the findings of such enquiries are annexed.

(d) and (e) : DGCA guidelines in terms of Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) and circular already exist which are also revised from time to time. The operators also draw standard operating procedures for particular operations which are scrutinized and approved by DGCA.

Mapping of complete course for helicopters is not feasible. Also, DGCA Rules are in conformity with ICAO rules which do not mandate mapping of the country for helicopter routes. However, whenever a space management, terrain, geography and international borders warrant, helicopter routes are designated and adhered to. Helicopter routes are published in AIP (Aeronautical Information Publication) for entry and exit of helicopter at Delhi and Mumbai airports.