

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:143
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013
HELICOPTER INDUSTRY
Antony Shri Anto

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any record regarding the growth of helicopter industry in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to beef up safety measures in the Indian helicopter industry?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a)& (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India have taken various measures for growth of the helicopter industry in the country.

A separate Helicopter Division has been set up in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to look after the helicopters operations of Scheduled, Non-Scheduled and General Aviation helicopter operation in the country.

Total number of helicopters registered in India during the last three years are given below:-

Registered upto	31.12.2011	-	267
Registered upto	31.12.2012	-	282
Registered upto	28.11.2013	-	292

(c) : DGCA has issued following guidelines for safely operations of helicopters and flight safety precautions:-

- (i) Air Safety Circular 7 of 2013 on subject: Seasonal Helicopter Operations Safety Guidelines.
- (ii) Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) Section 7 series B Part XII for hill flying.
- (iii) Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) Section 7 Series B Part XIV on Recurrent Training requirements for helicopters pilots.
- (iv) Operation Circular 07/13 on Utilization of Helicopter in Disaster Management. (These Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) and Air Safety Circulars are also available on DGCA website www.dgca.nic.in)