

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF BLACK BOX IN SMALL AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many small aircrafts including helicopters are being operated in the country without cockpit voice recorder;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made it mandatory for the operators to install Black Box in these aircrafts/helicopters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time-limit fixed in this regard ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) and (b) As per the Civil Aviation Requirements, following category of aircraft and helicopters are not required to be fitted with Cockpit voice recorder. Aeroplanes: Aeroplanes of a maximum certificated take-off mass of 5700kg or less are not required to be fitted with Cockpit voice recorder. Helicopters: Helicopters of maximum certificated take-off mass of 3180kg or less are not required to be fitted with Cockpit voice recorder.

(c) to (d) Question does not arise in view of the above.