

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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HELICOPTER INDUSTRY

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

(a) the total growth registered by the helicopter industry along with the total number of helicopters registered in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued any guidelines for safety operations of helicopters and flight safety precautions;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken or being taken by the Government for growth of helicopter industry in the country; and

(d) whether any instances of small aircraft and helicopters operating without cockpit voice recorders have come to the notice of DGCA and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a) to (c) 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 and the current year are given below: -

Registered in year 2011 - 19

Registered in year 2012 - 17

Registered in year 2013 - 07

Registered till date in year 2014 - 06

Recently, Air Safety Directorate(DGCA) has issued three circulars in the form of guidelines for safety operations of helicopter and flight safety precautions.

The details of the circulars are as follows:

ASC 02 of 2014: `Operation of small aircraft/helicopters Adherence to Safety Guidelines`

ASC 07 of 2013: `Seasonal Helicopter Operations-Safety Guidelines`

ASC 09 of 2013: `Precautionary landings of Helicopters due to bad weather`

(d) No instance has come to the notice of DGCA of small aircraft & Helicopter operating without Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR).