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**Subject:** Standard Operating Procedure in respect of helicopter operator and State Government helicopter wing.

In recent fatal accidents of Bell-430 helicopter, search and rescue was a difficult task as the helicopters crashed in the dense jungle of Rudrakudru hills of Andhra Pradesh. The crash site in one case could be located after a lapse of three months and considerable time in another case.

All helicopter operators and State Governments are hereby advised to review their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure that VIP sorties be avoided over dense forests/difficult hilly terrain where emergent landing or Search and Rescue becomes difficult in case of any eventuality. In case a flight over dense forest or difficult terrain cannot be avoided, cruising level should be such that two ways RT contact is maintained in order to ascertain approximate location of helicopter at any given time.

Areas where emergent landings and SAR is difficult be identified and listed separately. Pilots should take cognizance of such areas while planning the flights. These SOPs are to be periodically reviewed as warranted so as to incorporate the various advancement in SAR related infrastructure and inclusion of their information related to safe flying.

Standard Operating Procedures and other related infrastructures and facilities shall be checked during regular Surveillance of State Governments and other helicopter operators

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