

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
o/o DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION
OPP. SAFADARJUNG AIRPORT, NEW DELHI-03

Air Safety Circular: 02 of 2002

Subject: Travel by helicopter by VIP protectees – confirmation of coordinates of take off /landing place.

Instances have come to notice where the VIP protectees traveling by helicopters or by small aircraft to uncontrolled airfields/improvised helipads have landed at wrong locations, thereby endangering the safety and security of the VIP protectee, besides creating a safety hazard during aircraft operations.

All helicopter operators/small aircraft operators who carry VIP protectees are advised to ensure from the District Administration the names of village, places and the coordinates of the places of the improvised helipad or uncontrolled airfield where VIP protectee have to land/take off. The pilot and operator before undertaking such flights will themselves confirm these coordinates. In case of any doubt, the same should be reconfirmed with the District Administration along with the prominent landmarks of the area.

The ATC in charge from where such flight originates before accepting the flight plans will reconfirm the coordinates of destination from the Operator/State Administration. Operators while submitting the flight plans to ATC will clearly indicate, in the remarks column, that VIP protectee will be on board, for ATCO to take necessary action.

This instruction should be followed with immediate effect and all pilots, ATCOs be advised of the same.

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Director Air Safety
For Director General of Civil Aviation

To :

All Small Aircraft Operators and Helicopter Operators.

