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Subject: Procedure of reporting significant de-gradation of airport facilities at any airport.

It has been noticed that infrastructure facilities are de-graded at some airports due to various reasons. In view of degraded facilities, particularly Navigational Aids etc, airlines concerned are expected to undertake safety assessment before carrying out the operations at the respective airfield.

Annex 6, Chapter 4, Para 4.1.1 clearly states that the operator shall ensure that a flight will not be commenced unless it has been ascertained by every reasonable means available that the ground and/or water facilities available and directly required on such flight for the safe operation of an aero plane and the protection of the passenger are adequate for the type of operations under which the flight is to be conducted and/or adequately operated for this purpose.

It is therefore expected that airlines shall carry out safety assessment before undertaking the operations at de graded airports and submit a copy of the safety assessment to DGCA office.

In view of the above, all operators are hereby advised to submit the safety assessment in respect of degraded facilities, to this office before undertaking the operations at such airfield.

The above is for strict compliance.

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To: All Schedule/Non-schedule fixed wing and helicopter operators