



भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण
AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

FILE NO. AAI/ATM/OPS/30-05/2009

28th AUGUST, 2009

URGENT

The Regional Executive Director
Airports Authority of India
Northern/Southern/Eastern/Western/NE
Region
Delhi/Chennai/Kolkata/Mumbai/Guwahati.

The Airport Director
Airports Authority of India
NSCBI Airport / Chennai Airport
Kolkata/ Chennai

SUB: BIRD SURVEY AND NATIONAL BIRD CONTROL COMMITTEE.

During monsoon the bird strike incidents in and around airports generally increase and cause huge losses to airlines, concern to aviation authorities and attract media's attention. The matter has been viewed seriously by Ministry of Civil Aviation, the DGCA and the AAI Board.

To tackle the bird menace and control incidents of birds hits, the Govt. of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has set up **National Bird Control Committee [NBCC]**. The **Secretary, MCA is the Chairman of the Committee**. The DGCA, the Chairman, AAI, the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and the Secretary, Ministry of Defence, among others, have been nominated to the Committee.

The objectives of NBCC are:-

- Improve commercial, air force and private aviation flight safety by sharing knowledge and understanding concerning and reduction of frequency and risk of collision between aircraft, birds and other wild life.
- Evaluate and describe methods and equipment employed at aerodromes to define and reduce severity, frequency and cost of bird/wildlife strike.
- Keep appraisal of new developments or serious issues and review need for updating policy.
- Establish a national procedure for recording and reporting bird/wildlife strike.

The functions of NBCC are:-

- Collection analysis and dissemination of data to describe and define operational as well as functional, regulatory and legal aspects of bird strike risk to aviation.
- Study and analyze bird strike data submitted by working group.
- Adopt measures to prevent bird/wild life collision at aerodrome and in its vicinity.
- Monitor the implementation of bird control programme by the aerodrome operator to evaluate its effectiveness and suggest measures for improvement.

According to the directives issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Airfield Environment Management Committee [AEMC] have been functioning at Airports, with Head of the District Administration as Chairman of the AEMC. The AEMC is required to meet every month (at International and Major airports) & every alternate month at other aerodromes, to implement measures for controlling the bird menace in and around airports. In this context please refer to DARA Circulars 4 & of 1981.

Contd...

*faxed to all concerned
21/8/09*

राजीव गाँधी भवन
Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan

सफदरजंग हवाई अड्डा, नई दिल्ली - ११०००३
Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi - 110003

दूरभाष : २४६३२९५०
Phone : 24632950

फैक्स : ९१-११-२४६३२९९०
Fax : 91-11-24632990

In a recent AAI Board Meeting, the issue of increased bird strikes at/near AAI airports have been discussed at length. It was observed that our rating on the MoU parameters [with MCA] has been poor in this aspect. The AAI Board has directed that special drive should be taken up at all airports to tackle the problem of bird strike. The Airport Incharges should take up the matter with District Administration for implementing the National Bird Control programme. Wherever any party has violated the rules/guidelines, the Airport Incharges should lodge FIRs with the local police, so that, unwanted encroachments and setting up of meat shops etc. within the 10 kms. of airports are stopped with the help of local municipalities/District authorities. The Board has further directed that specific and time-bound action is to be taken by Airport Incharges to control the problem of bird strikes at Airports. **The undersigned is required to submit the action taken report to the Chairman, before 4th September 2009.**

The DGCA letter dated 20th July, 2009 has already been circulated requesting Action Taken Report. From North East Region only Dimapur airport has sent the report. Report has also been received in respect from Chennai, Tuticorin, Trichy, Tirupati, Rajahmundry airports. From Northern Region, report is still awaited in respect of Jaipur, Lucknow, Udaipur and Kangra airports. At some of the airports in Northern Region, AEMC meeting has not been convened since long. If response from District Authorities is not adequate for controlling the bird menace at any of the airports in the region, REDs may take up the issue with the Commissioners/ Chief Secretary of the State concerned.

To implement a monitoring mechanism for conduct of AEMC meetings, action taken for preventing bird strikes, number of bird strikes incidents at airports, a pro-forma (copy enclosed) has already been e-mailed to all REDs on 25th August, 2009. RHQs may compile the required data and provide an update to the undersigned at the earliest.

An early action by RHQs will ensure timely update to the NBCC from AAI side.


[V.K. YADAVA]
ED [ATM]

Copy to :

1. The DGCA, Kind Attention Sh A K Chopra DDG wrt to his letter dated 20th July 2009 on the subject, for information please.

