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सफदरजंग एयरपोर्ट के सामने
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To

- 1. The Chairman,
Airports Authority of India,
Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,
Safdarjung Airport,
New Delhi-110003.
- 2. Chief Executive Officer,
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Subject: Bird Survey.

Dear Sir,

Our records reveals that this year during the monsoon period the number of bird hit cases have increased manifold in spite of our earlier instructions to take preventive measures. It is felt that action taken is not adequate. All the Aerodrome operators are requested to immediately carry out the following actions.

- 1. A survey of area about 10 kms. all around the airport be carried out along with the local administration and police authorities. Any violation of Aircraft Rules for slaughter houses, unauthorized piggeries, meat shops, dumping of garbage and other sources of bird attraction be identified. FIR with the police be filed for the removal of the same. The report of these survey should be sent to Director Air Safety, DGCA Headquarters by email/fax.
- 2. Environmental Committee meeting be convened within next fortnight but before 5th August (after conducting the survey) for ensuring proper mitigation of bird hazards.

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3. A special drive be carried out inside the airport to ensure proper grass cutting and insecticide spraying and proper cleaning to maintain an environment free of bird attraction. Scaring or shooting of birds be resorted to.

It is to emphasize that few of serious bird hit incidents have taken place while birds were resting on the runway and in one case the dead birds were not removed which were sucked into the engine of another aircraft. Such situation needs to be eliminated with proper surveillance and inspection.

4. Any bird activity in the vicinity of the airport be informed to the pilots. General NOTAM in this regard will not suffice.

It is requested that these actions be taken on top priority and action taken be communicated to DGCA Headquarters (Attn. Director Air Safety) **before 7th August, 2009.**

Yours faithfully

(Signature)
(A.K. Chopra)

Joint Director General of Civil Aviation
for Director General of Civil Aviation

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All Regional Air Safety Offices (Delhi/Mumbai/Kolkata/Hyderabad/Chennai) with the instructions that it must be ensured that all the airports in their region comply with above instructions. Necessary inspection of airports prone to bird hit may be carried out immediately. Compliance be reported.

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