

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Lok Sabha

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1916
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31st July 2025)**

HELICOPTER CRASH IN UTTARAKHAND

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether there has been a recent increase in the number of major air accidents in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any safety warnings or emergency incidents occurred shortly after the Air India Flight crash on June 12, 2025 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other recent air accidents such as the Uttarakhand helicopter crash on June 15, 2025 near Kedarnath have also occurred and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government/any concerned agency has conducted enquiry, initiated any regulatory review, implemented safety measures, imposed penalties or operational restrictions in response to these incidents and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure safe operations of helicopter services in Uttarakhand region?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): There have been a total of 08 accidents (involving 1 scheduled aircraft, 3 trainee aircraft and 4 helicopters) reported in the year 2025 (till date). The details are attached at Annexure A. No such accident occurred after Uttarakhand helicopter crash on 15 June, 2025.;

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Post AI-171 accident on 12.06.2025 at Ahmedabad, one case of emergency landing was reported on 27.06.2025, where Indigo flight 6E-1014 (Singapore-Delhi) was diverted and landed safely at Kuala Lumpur. Later on, warning was found to be spurious.;

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(d) & (e): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) carried out Special Audit of Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA) and Helicopter Operators from 12.06.2025 to 22.06.2025.;

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Vide DGCA order dated 15.06.2025, the approval granted for helicopter operations of M/s Aryan Aviation in the state of Uttarakhand was suspended, pending investigation.;

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DGCA has enforced safety measures on UCADA and Helicopter Operators for suitable parking arrangement, helicopter maintenance, marking at helipads, barricading of the movement area, access control, passenger movement, slot allocations, pilot training, and ensuring strict adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).;

Annexure A

Details of Accidents to Indian Civil Registered Aircraft for the year 2025

S · N o ·	Da te	Pla ce	Ai rc ra ft Ty pe	Ai rc ra ft R e g	Operat or Name	Brief Description of event
1 ·	31- Mar- 25	Mehsana	Cessna 152	V-T-P-B-A	Blue Ray Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	During Solo flight the trainee pilot declared low fuel levels followed by loss of RPM. Thereafter aircraft landed approximately 5 miles from Mehsana. RH wing leading edge tip was substantially damaged.
2 ·	22- Apr- 25	Amreli	Teenam 2008 J C	V-T-V-D-F	Vision Flying Training Institute	During a solo circuit and landing flight by a trainee, the aircraft crashed during the fifth circuit in a field. The aircraft caught fire and was burnt.
3 ·	4- May - 25	Aligarh	Diamond DA 40	V-T-P-N-H	Pioneer Flying Academy Pvt. Ltd.	The aircraft during landing bounced and subsequently exited the runway and hit the boundary wall during solo flight. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.
4 ·	8- May - 25	Uttarakashi	Bell 407	V-T-O-X-F	Aerotrans Aviation Services Pvt. Ltd.	Helicopter was involved in an accident while operating a charter flight from Kharsali helipad to Jhala helipad.

S · N o ·	Date	Place	Ai rc ra ft Ty pe	Ai rc ra ft R e g	Operat or Name	Brief Description of event
5 ·	17 - M ay - 25	Ke dar nat h Hel ipa d	Ai rb us A S 35 0 B 2	V T- K B S	Pinnac le Air Pvt. Ltd.	Helicopter was involved in an accident while operating an aero- ambulance flight from AIIMS, Rishikesh to kedarnath. Helicopter made a precautionary landing at the Lower KedarnathJi Helipad and in the process tail boom of the aircraft got separated.
6 ·	07 - Ju n- 25	Se rsi	Le on ar do A W 11 9	V T- R N K	Kestrel Aviatio n Pvt. Ltd.	The helicopter was operating shuttle services. The Helicopter took off from badasu (sersi) helipad and landed immediately at main road just below the helipad.
7 ·	12 - Ju n- 25	Ah me da ba d	B oe in g B 78 7- 90 0	V T- A N B	Air India Limited	Shortly after take-off at Ahmedabad, aircraft crashed into building of the BJ medical college in the Meghaninagar area of Ahmedabad.
8 ·	15 - Ju n- 25	Ga uri Ku nd	B ell 40 7	V T- B K A	Aryan Aviatio n Pvt. Ltd	Helicopter crashed while carrying out shuttle services from Kedarntah to Guptakashi in bad weather.
