

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2011
(To be answered on the 31st July 2025)**

**USAGE OF SMALL AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS AND DRONE DURING
DISASTER**

2011. SHRI KUNDURU RAGHUVeer

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is a national framework for deploying small aircraft, helicopters or drones for emergency medical transport and disaster relief and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Telangana is part of any pilot project to use aviation for emergency evacuations during floods or medical crises in remote areas, particularly in regions such as the forests or tribal areas of Nalgonda district and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up emergency aviation access points or coordination centres in such regions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has stipulated the requirements for Aero Medical transportation (AMT) vide Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), Section 8, Series S, Part VII and has also issued Operations Circular (OC) 02 of 2016 regarding Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS).

Central Government has notified liberalized Drone Rules, 2021 on 25th August 2021 and subsequent amendments were issued in 2022, 2023, and 2024 that govern Civil Drone Operations in the country. Drone operations in compliance with the above rules may be undertaken in the green zone for Visual Line of Sight Conditions without the need for any explicit approval, irrespective of its applications/ use.

(b): Currently, no such pilot project is being undertaken by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(c) & (d): No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
