

No. AV. 11012/01/2011 – DG  
Government of India  
Ministry of Civil Aviation

\*\*

New Delhi, the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

ORDER

**Subject: Setting up of Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau in Ministry of Civil Aviation.**

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been hitherto conducting investigation of accidents and serious incidents and providing support for the investigation by Court of Inquiry and Committee of Inquiry. In accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) SARPs and to provide independence of investigation function from the regulatory function, it has been decided to create a system for independent aircraft accident investigation. Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2012 has come into effect from 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2012. The Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2012 provide for setting up of an Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau.

2. In supersession of Order No. AV-15029/002/2008-DG dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 regarding formation of Independent accident Investigation Committee in Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau is hereby set up. The Bureau would perform the functions as stipulated in the Aircraft Rules, 2012, which are as follows:

- (a) Obtain Preliminary report either through his own officer or any person authorised by it;
- (b) Assist in setting up of Committee of Inquiry and Formal investigation under these rules;
- (c) Facilitate the investigation and administrative work of the Committees and Courts, whenever necessary;
- (d) Receive and process the reports of Courts and Committees of Inquiry;
- (e) Follow-up the recommendations made by Courts and Committees of inquiry and to ensure that the same are implemented by the concerned agencies;

- (f) Process cases for resolution by the Central Government of disputes between the Bureau and any agency regarding implementation of a recommendation;
- (g) Formulate safety recommendation on the basis of safety studies, including induction of new technology to enhance safety conducted from time to time;
- (h) Establish and maintain an accident and incident database to facilitate an effective analysis of information on actual or potential safety deficiencies obtained, including that from its incident reporting systems, and to determine the preventive actions required;
- (i) Process obligations of the Central Government under Annex 13 to the Convention relating to International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on the 7th day of December, 1944 as amended from time to time; and
- (j) Any other functions, which the Central Government may ask the Bureau to perform from time to time under these rules.

4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation.

*Puja Jindal*  
(Puja Jindal)

Director

Copy to:-

1. Director General of Civil Aviation.
2. Chairman, Airports Authority of India.
3. All Joint DGs/ DDG (Air Safety), DGCA.
4. APS to HMCA
5. Heads of all Organisations under the administrative control of Ministry of Civil Aviation.
6. Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation. — *31/7/12*
7. PS to JS(A). — *My 31/7/12*
8. All Officers/Section in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
9. All Members of Airports Authority of India.
10. Sr. Technical Director, NIC with a request to upload the order in the website of Ministry of Civil Aviation.
11. Guard Folder.

*o/c issued  
P.N. B/00.2  
31/7/12*