


Government of India  
Ministry of Civil Aviation  
SDIT Division

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi  
27 June 2020

**ORDER**

1. In partial amendment of the MoCA order No. AV-22011/2/2020-SDnIT-MoCA dated 21 May 2020, the following may be noted:
  - a) Use of engine-powered drones up to 50 kg is permitted, only for anti-locust operations, for a trial period of 90 days or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
  - b) Use of drones during night time is permitted, only for anti-locust operations, for a trial period of 90 days or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
  - c) The drone shall, at all times during its operation, maintain a minimum distance of 500 metres from people and buildings.
  - d) The drone operations shall be conducted under the direct supervision and accountability of the officials of Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage (DPPQS).
  - e) DPPQS shall provide a detailed report on the observations and results of the 90-day trial period which shall be examined by DGCA and MoCA for further decisions.
2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
27.6.2020

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Joint Secretary to Government of India

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