

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2015**

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1. **Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:**

Passenger carried by domestic airlines during January-February, 2015 were **122.61 lakhs** as against **100.93 lakhs** during the corresponding period of previous year thereby registering a **growth of 21.48 %**.

**(i) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):-**

**A.** The following CARs have been **revised** during the month of **March**, 2015:-

(i) CAR Section 2 Series F Part VII – Special Flight permits.

**B.** Type Acceptance has been granted to Bombardier aircraft model BD-100-1A10 (Challenger 350) for operation in India:

**C.** Type acceptance issued to FAA STC SA00635WI for jump seat on B200GT aircraft.

- During the month of March, 2015, 1222 Flight Clearances including 15 (Fifteen) tourist charter flights were accorded.
- 01 (one) New Scheduled Operating permit was issued and one (one) Non-Scheduled permit was issued and 10 (Ten) Non-Scheduled Operator permits were renewed.
- 206 Licenses / Ratings were issued including 62 FATA (initial 15 & Renewal 47).
- Recertification of IGRUA, 01 (one) approval of CFI/PII, Renewal of Madhya Pradesh Flying Club Indore and Bhopal and National Flying Training Institute Private Limited, Gondia.

## Visit of Federal Aviation Administration

A reassessment of DGCA was conducted by the FAA IASA audit team from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 using comprehensive audit checklists in eight (8) critical areas of a safety oversight system covering Primary aviation legislation; Specific operating regulations; State civil aviation system and functions; Qualified technical personnel and their training; Technical guidance; Licensing, certification, authorization and/or approval obligations; Surveillance obligation and Resolution of safety issues.

FAA at the end of the reassessment raised 12 findings which primarily relate to :

- Certification of flying training organizations;
- Completion of hiring of full cadre of flight operations inspectors (FOIs) in DGCA;
- Training of FOIs on remaining types of aircraft operated by scheduled airlines; and
- Inspection and surveillance of foreign aircraft maintenance organizations.

DGCA has taken actions to address the above findings and action taken were intimated to the FAA team during the final discussions held on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The final determination of India's IASA Category would now be made based on the recommendations of the FAA team which will be done in accordance with the US public disclosure policy implemented in September 1994 and would be communicated by the U.S. Embassy at a later date. It is expected that India Category will be restored to Category 1 based on the audit of December 2014 and the subsequent final discussions on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

### (ii) **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS): -**

- Implementation of Biometric Based Access Control System - Tender Processing Committee (TPC) has provided its classification on MCA's queries on 30.01.2015. The file was referred to JS(A) on 26.02.2015.
- **08** Security Inspections of the airports have been carried out.
- **20** Security monitoring / surprise checks carried out during the month.
- **08** Security tests carried out to test the efficacy of security system.

- **11** Security Surveys for aviation security group carried out.
- **37** Aviation Security trainings / programmes conducted for **1209** persons.
- Approval of security programme was accorded to **03** Aircraft Operators (Non-Schedule); and
- Security clearance given to **09** Ground Handling Agents.

**(iii) Airports Authority of India (AAI) :-**

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has earned a profit (provisional) of **Rs.1532.71 crores** after deduction of tax during the financial year **2014-15**

**GAGAN Project** : (i) GAGAN Technical Review Team (TRT) comprising of DGCA, ISRO, AAI, Raytheon & Mitre Corporation recommended for APV 1 Certification of GAGAN. It will lead to operational utilization of GAGAN system for approach with vertical guidance over the Indian landmass.

(ii) GAGAN Operational Test & Evaluation Testing completed. GAGAN Quarterly performance report submitted by Raytheon.

(iii) All certification documents has been submitted to DGCA. GAGAN Project achieved physical progress - 100%. APV 1 certification by DGCA expected to be completed by April 2015.

- Resurfacing of main runway 07/25 with bituminous layer and connecting angular taxi including electrical work at Chennai Airport, on 23.3.2015 for Rs. 40.99 crores.
- Construction of Balance Perimeter Road, Phase-III inside operational area at Surat Airport on 19.3.2015 for Rs.6.64 crores.
- Development of Airport at Ajmer (Kishangarh), Rajasthan – Construction of Terminal Building on 20.3.2015 for Rs.6.32 crores.
- Re-carpeting and Widening of runway at Shimla Airport on 31.3.2015 for Rs.6.59 crores.
- To provide connectivity to Hyderabad from Middle East and Europe and to provide alternate routing for flights transiting Bay of Bengal during cyclonic activity to enable flights to join ATS routes L501, G472 and N895, ATS Route

L518 has been extended from Udaipur to Hyderabad by AIP supplement no. 14/2015 and title as “Realignment of ATS Route L518 [RNP10]” (effective date of 30 April 2015).

- AIP supplement on “Establishment of ATS Route P895 [RNP10]” has been published (effective date of 30 April 2015) to establish a new connector route from IGAMA- CIA- BIKOK in order to reduce track miles for aircraft using route M300 to access VOCl and VCBI airports.
- AIP supplement on “Establishment of Temporary Segregated Areas (TSAs) & Temporary Reserved Area (TRA) INS Dega (Vishakhapatnam)” has been published (effective date of 30 April 2015). This will allow the maximum joint use of airspace by appropriate civil/military co-ordination to achieve the required separation between civil and military flights, hence reducing airspace segregation needs.

**(iv) Selection of CMD, Air India Limited:** The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has held the selection interview on 03.03.2015 for the selection of Chairman & Managing Director, Air India Limited. The Board did not find any candidates suitable for the job, and recommended that the Government may choose an appropriate course of further action for selection.

The matter has been taken up with Cabinet Secretariat for constitute a Search-cum-Selection Committee chaired by the Cabinet Secretary and consisting of the Secretary, DoPT and the Secretary (Civil Aviation) for making selection for the post of CMD, Air India.

**(v) Pawan Hans Limited (PHL):**

The Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) has earned a net profit of **Rs.3.98 crores** after deduction of tax during the month of **March, 2015**.

**(vi) Commission of Railway Safety (CRS):**

- During the month of **March, 2015**, two statutory enquiries have been taken up by Commission of Railway Safety which are as under
  - (1) Accident of Train No.55202 Passenger at Level Crossing between Gorakhpur Cantt – Unaula Stations of Gorakhpur Cantt-Panihawa Section of Varanasi Division of North Eastern Railway on 09.03.2015. As a result of this accident, 1 person was grievously injured and 2 persons got simple injuries.
  - (2) Derailment of Train No.14266 at Bachharawan Railway Station of Lucknow Division of Northern Railway on 20.03.2015. As a result of this accident, 36 persons were killed, 27 persons were grievously injured and 14 persons got simple injuries.

- (i) Statutory inspections were conducted before opening of **Twelve (12)** lines for public carriage of passengers.
  
- (iii) During the month of **March, 2015**, there were **Fifteen (15)** Periodical or other Inspections of Railway made by the Commission of Railway Safety.

**(vii) Ministry (Main):**

**E-Office** - Implementation of 'e-Office', a digital filing system was started in the Ministry in October, 2014 and is nearing completion. The system was officially launched on 25.12.2014 by the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation, as a Good Governance initiative. All new files are being generated through 'e-Office' and digitization of current and closed files are nearing completion. Apart from the Ministry, all subordinate organizations such as DGCA, Air India, Airports Authority of India, Commission of Railway Safety and Pawan Hans Ltd. are also implementing 'e-Office'. The digitized filing system reduces the processing time substantially and ensures transparency and accountability, as any file can be located and dealt with within a few minutes. The service records of the officers and staff are also being digitized, to speed up processing of all personnel claims. The process of E-Service Book in respect of all Officers/Officials in Ministry (Main) has also been started. The Officers/Officials will be able to view their details and apply on-line for grant of leave etc.

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