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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION**

TECHNICAL CENTRE, OPPOSITE SAFDARJUNG AIRPORT, NEW DELHI -110003

File No. DGCA/Legal/02/2016

Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

**ORDER**

An Original Application (O.A.) 584 of 2016 (renumbered as 120/2018) has been filed before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) stating that human excreta is being dumped on his house from the aircraft coming for landing at Indira Gandhi International Airport.

2. That to investigate the matter, DGCA constituted a three member Expert Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016. However, prior to completion of the investigation by the Expert Committee, Hon'ble NGT passed an Order on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 wherein certain directions were issued to DGCA for implementation.

3. That the Expert Committee on the basis of physical inspection and examination of lavatory drainage system of various types of aircraft concluded that practically disposal of lavatory waste from the aircraft in flight does not exist based on which, DGCA filed its counter affidavit before Hon'ble NGT on the above lines with a request to review the Order dated 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 and withdraw certain directions for implementation by DGCA.

4. That consultation with the aircraft manufacturers viz. Airbus and Boeing has clearly established that dumping of human waste is not possible during the flight from aircraft.

5. That on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018, the Hon'ble NGT again directed DGCA to comply with the Order dated 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018 whereas review application filed by DGCA is still pending.

6. Now, therefore, in compliance to the directions of Hon'ble NGT, all the air operators are hereby directed to ensure the following subject to final disposal of the matter:

- a) Not to release any waste while landing or take-off at or near the airports.
- b) Submit monthly report in compliance to Para 6(a) of this order.

7. As the matter is still sub-judice, the above directions are interim in nature and the finality of the same shall depend upon the final adjudication of the matter.

8. Violation of this Order will attract the penal provision in terms of Environmental Compensation of Rs. 50,000 per default, as per Hon'ble NGT Order dated 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016, which will be levied to the air operator. The amount so collected shall be deposited with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

9. All the air operators shall follow the instructions contained in this Order meticulously.

  
(Amit Gupta)

Director Aircraft Engineering

To:

1. All scheduled domestic airlines
2. All foreign carriers operating to/from India
3. All non-scheduled operators
4. All State Govt./PSUs Civil Aviation Departments
5. All private air operators