

Government of India
O/o Director General of Civil Aviation
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Air Safety Circular 2 of 2005

Subject: RT Discipline.

In the recent past number of cases have been reported wherein ATCOs and pilots have entered into unnecessary arguments on RT. It may be noted that both ATCOs and pilots, as it is, work at high level of stress and workload, which demands full concentration. Any distraction like unnecessary arguments is likely to effect concentration and state of mind with increased possibility of making error of judgement. This affects safety of flight operations adversely. Besides unnecessary arguments blocks RT channel thus denying connectivity to the other aircraft in need. This is not a healthy situation and thus not acceptable. This must be stopped immediately.

All pilots and ATCOs are hereby advised not to enter into unnecessary arguments on RT. Communication on RT must be restricted to need bases using standard phraseology. Pilots must adhere to ATC instructions unless they feel that due same, safety is being jeopardized or they are unable to comply with the same due aircraft restriction or operational reasons. In such cases he may ask for revised instructions.

It is also possible that some of the party may be aggrieved by the decision/instructions/behaviour of the other, even then these are not to be argued on RT. After flight these may be discussed on landline. Alternatively these occurrence/complaints should be reported to the Regional Air Safety Offices/Director Air Safety, DGCA Headquarters immediately. We assure a proper inquiry will be made and corrective action will be taken in such cases. The concerned parties will also be apprised of the outcome.

Cooperation of pilots and ATCOs is sought to stop this unsafe practice. All operators are requested to advise their pilots/ATCOs accordingly.

This supersedes Air Safety Circular No. 8 of 1994.

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