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**Subject: Use of Walkie Talkie equipment for Two-way communication between helicopter/Aircraft & ground.**

In one of the recent fatal accident to a helicopter engaged in sight seeing flight, it was found that Walkie -Talkie equipment was used for Two-way communication between helicopter & ground during the flight.

Indian Aircraft Rule 9 sub-rule 3 specifies that Aircraft registered in India and required by these rules to carry radio-telegraph apparatus shall be fitted with such apparatus in accordance with the provisions of Part VII.

Indian Aircraft Rule 57 specifies that

- (1) Every aircraft shall be fitted and equipped with the instrument and equipment including radio apparatus and special equipment as may be specified according to the use and circumstances under which the flight is to be conducted.
- (2) Such instruments and equipment shall be of an approved type and installed in an approved manner and shall be maintained in a serviceable condition.

In compliance with the above Rule and in the interest of the safety of aircraft operation all Non-Scheduled Operators/ Scheduled Operators ensure that Walkie-Talkie equipment should not be used for Two-way communication between Helicopter/Aircraft & ground during the flight.

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