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Air Safety Circular No. 4 of 2006

Subject: Caution during Instructional flying/Assisted Take Off and Landing

Many accidents/serious incidents have taken place during the flying by the pilot under check undertaking assisted landing/take off. Majority of them have occurred during landing. Investigation of all these accidents/serious incidents have revealed that pilot under check was also handling R/T communication besides flying the aircraft. There was no task sharing between the pilot flying and pilot not flying as per the modern cockpit concept and principles of cockpit resource management. Also the check pilot/commander failed to take effective action/take over controls when it was required and thus resulted in accident/serious incident.

Through the circular all concerned are informed that check pilot/commander continues to be responsible for the safe conduct of flight even though he may be pilot not flying. He has to intervene and if required, take over the controls as and when the safe conduct of flight is affected. Further he has to share the cockpit task as pilot not flying in lines with CRM concept.

Flight Safety Departments of all airlines/NSOP and other category of operators, through monitoring of CVR and DFDR to the extent facilitated by the aircraft recording equipments, shall regularly monitor check flight/Instructional flight/assisted take off and landing flight. Any deviations observed shall be promptly brought to the notice of Director Flight Safety/Director Operations of the organization for suitable corrective measures. Also the Flight Safety Department of the concerned organization shall obtain the crew debriefing report and analyze them. A quarterly report regarding findings of the monitoring and counseling of the crew shall be submitted to DGCA (Kind Attn: Director Air Safety) by the flight safety wing of all organizations.

These instructions are for strict compliance.

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