

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of NAST held on 11.02.2008 at 14:30 hrs at the Conference Hall in the Office of DGCA(Hq)**

The 1st meeting of the NAST was held on 11.02.2008 at DGCA (Hq) under the Chairmanship of Sh. A.K. Chopra JDG. The members as per the list enclosed as Annexure attended the meeting.

Being the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of NAST, Sh. K. Gohain, Director General, was requested to address the gathering. DG welcomed the members and advised for the cooperative and coordinative approach for the safety matters. He suggested that NAST should focus on all the vital issues concerning aviation and take consensus decision which should be implemented by all the organizations at grass root level. The recommendation of NAST will be given due consideration. This will enable us to spread the message to neighbouring countries and world at large about our commitment to safety consciousness.

He laid emphasis on the on line incident/accident reporting system and stated that besides creating a data bank, it will afford prompt reporting and imbibe transparency in the system. Akin to that is voluntary reporting system. People should be encouraged to report without any fear. He advised members to give any suggestion regarding constitution of the NAST.

He wished members fruitful association with the NAST.

Leader of the NAST, Sh. A.K. Chopra, JDG, also welcomed the members and apprised them about the mandate of the NAST.

Thereafter agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**Agenda Item 1: Purpose of NAST and its Working Procedure. Procedure for implementation of recommendations of NAST. Dialogue with neighbouring SAARC countries**

**Decision Taken**

It was agreed that NAST will function through Groups and Sub-Committees. Where as different groups/sub-committees will work in their respective areas, they should be able to view the work of other committees and communicate. All the matter relating to NAST will be put on the DGCA Website and all the members of NAST will be able to view it using a unique password. To facilitate this Ms. Tuhinanshu Sharma, DDAW, will coordinate.

NAST Leader, informed members that Government has in principle agreed for exchange of information on safety issues and exchange of experts with State of Pakistan. For this Nodal Officers in both the countries have been appointed.

**Agenda Item 2: Online Accident/Incident Reporting System.**

**Decision Taken**

JDG briefed members about the software of online incident/accident reporting developed by the DGCA and stated that in near future all the operators will be briefed about its use and it will be made fully operational by 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008.

**Agenda Item 3: Cabin Crew Injury Reduction during turbulence.**

**Decision Taken**

JDG informed about the content of SARAST Circular on cabin crew injury during turbulence. It was decided to constitute a sub-committee consisting of following members to examine the circular and modify it, if necessary in view of our operating conditions. The target date for issuing the instruction is 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008.

**Members**

Mr. A.K. Chopra, JDG, DGCA	Leader
Mr. Maneesh Kumar, DDAS, DGCA	Member
Capt. R.S. Sandhu, DGM (FS), NACIL-I	Member
Mr. Ajit Bhagchandani, GM (Cabin Safety), Kingfisher	Member
Mr. Nathan, DGM, Jet Airways	Member
Ms. Summi Sharma, Head CLO, Indigo	Member
Mr. V.K. Ghinotra, Chief of TT & M, Alliance Air	Member

**Agenda Item 4: Use of near similar call signs by different airline operators**

**Decision Taken**

There were many suggestions to tackle the problem. However, to address the issue in totality it was agreed to form a sub-committee consisting of following members:

Mr. R.P. Sahi, JDG, DGCA	Leader
Mr. Somu Sundaram, ED (ATM), AAI	Member
Capt. Ashok Raj, GM (FS), NACIL-I	Member

Ms. Elsa D' Silva, DGM, Kingfisher	Member
Mr. J.S. Rawat, DoAS, DGCA	Member
Mr. Lalit Gupta, DDRD, DGCA	Member
Capt. Ranbir, Sr. G.M (AS), Jet Airways	Member

**Agenda Item: 5 Voluntary Reporting System**

**Decision Taken**

JDG informed that from 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008 voluntary reporting system will be started in DGCA. All the voluntary reports will be received by him in person and only after the process of deidentification these will be given to the concerned officer for investigation and suggestions. The airlines and aerodrome operator will continue to have their own voluntary reporting system. They will inform to the DGCA the number of voluntary reports received and number of reports actioned, on quarterly basis. It was agreed that NAST members will have access to the voluntary reports only after deidentifying the report.

**Agenda Item 6: Duty Time Limitations for ATCO, operational staff, drivers, equipment operators**

**Decision Taken**

There was divergence of views on the issue. It was agreed that matter will be further discussed and referred to sub-committee.

**Agenda Item 7: Flying of two different types of aircraft, aircraft and helicopter**

**Decision Taken**

Committee consisting of the following members will look into the issue and suggest necessary action:

Mr. A.K. Saran, DDG, DGCA	Leader
Mr. V.P. Ahuja, VP (Ops.), M/s Spicejet	Member
Capt. S. N. Reddy, Aviation Advisor, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	Member

**Agenda Item 8: Formation of Groups for Specific Safety Issues and Inspection of airlines, aerodrome operators etc.**

**Decision Taken**

It was agreed to form following groups:

1. Scheduled Airlines
2. Helicopter Operations and General Aviation
3. Airport
4. Maintenance

All the groups are empowered to carryout inspection and make suggestion for the improvement of the system.

**1) Scheduled Airlines Group:**

Mr. A.K. Chopra, JDG, DGCA	Leader
Capt Harinder Singh., DGM (FS), NACIL-I	Member
Capt. Arvind Kathpalia, FOI	Member
Capt. P.P. Singh, Jet Airways	Member
Capt. Abhijit Bhushan, GM (FO), Kingfisher	Member
Capt. Amit Singh, Fleet captain, Indigo	Member
Mr. Maneesh Kumar, DDAS, DGCA	Member
Ms. Sandhya Saxena, SAWO, DGCA	Member

**2) Helicopter Operations and General Aviation**

Mr. R.P. Sahi, JDG, DGCA	Leader
Mr. D.P. Ghose, DDG, DGCA	Member
Mr. Arvind Sardana, DTL, DGCA	Member
Capt. Irshad Ahmed, FOI, DGCA	Member
Mr. V.P. Singh, AD (Ops.)	Member
Mr. Anand Verma, Delhi Flying Club	Member
Capt. Uday Gelli, MD, UHPL	Member
Capt. Reddy, Aviation Advisor, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	Member
Capt. Pragesh Mishra, UP Govt.	Member
Air Cdr. B.S. Siwach, Sec Gen, RWSI	Member

(3) **Maintenance Organisation:**

Mr. Ravi Sahi, JDG, DGCA	Leader
Mr. Messy, DDAW, DGCA	Member
Mr. Ashwani Sharma, DGM (Quality) NACIL-A	Member
Mr. Ashwani Acharya, Manager Quality, Indigo	Member
Mr. C.S. Tomar, VP-Engg. & Maintenance Kingfisher Airlines	Member
Mr. A.K. Jain, DGM, NACIL-I	Member
Mr. Raj Menon, Director, Global Vectra Helicorp	Member

(4) **ATC and Aerodromes:**

Mr. A.K. Chopra, JDG, DGCA	Leader
Mr. A.K. Bhardwaj, DD (Ops.)	Member
Mr. D.C. Sharma DD (Ops), DGCA	Member
Mr. Somu Sundram, ED (ATM), AAI	Member
Mr. S.S. Verma, GM (AS), AAI	Member
Mr. Sunil Madan, Dir, M/s Indigo	Member
Capt. Ashok Raj, GM (FS) NACIL-I	Member
Mr. Sunam Datta, DGM, (F D), Kingfisher Airlines	Member

**Agenda Item 9: Off-shore corridor for helicopter operation.**

**Decision Taken**

It was decided that committee consisting of the following members will look into the issue of corridor for helicopter operation both Off-shore and mainland and suggest necessary action:

Mr. A.K. Sharan, DDG, DGCA	Leader
Mr. J.S. Rawat, DoAS, DGCA	Member

Mr. D.C. Sharma DD (Ops), DGCA	Member
Air Cdr. B.S. Siwach, Sec Gen, RWSI	Member
Wg. Cdr. R. Mallik, ONGC	Member
Mr. A.K. Dutta, GM (ATM) AAI	Member
Ms. Suvrita Saxena, SASO, DGCA	Member

**Any Other Issue.**

a) Constitution of the NAST

Regarding constitution of NAST there was suggestion from Air Cdr. B.S. Siwach that representative of BCAS should also be made member of the NAST. It was agreed that there was no need to have permanent member from BCAS. However, whenever security issues are involved appropriate personnel from the BCAS should be invited for the meeting. Similarly, depending on the subject matter experts from other disciplines should be co-opted as and when required. NAST Leader informed members that efforts are being made to have a member from Indian Air Force for the NAST. This is required, as civil-defence coordination is a major issue in the operation.

It was also agreed that during subsequent meetings representatives from the FAST, IHST and professional bodies will also be invited as observers.

b) Frequency of Meeting

It was agreed that the second meeting of the NAST will be held after 45 days to review the work of groups and the sub-committees. Subsequently, the meeting of the NAST will be held again after every 3 months.

c) JDG informed that Ms. Tuhinanshu Sharma, DDAW will coordinate the work of different groups.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to chair.



(Maneesh Kumar)

Dy. Director Air Safety

## APPENDIX

### Members Present:

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| 1.  | Mr. A.K. Chopra, JDG, DGCA                                     | NAST Leader                     |
| 2.  | Mr. R.P. Sahi, JDG, DGCA                                       |                                 |
| 3.  | Mr. D.P. Ghose, DDG, DGCA                                      |                                 |
| 4.  | Mr. J.S. Rawat, DoAS, DGCA                                     |                                 |
| 5.  | Mr. A. Sardana, DTL, DGCA                                      |                                 |
| 6.  | Mr. V.P. Massey, DDAW, DGCA                                    |                                 |
| 7.  | Mr. D. C. Sharma, DD(Ops.), DGCA                               |                                 |
| 8.  | Mr. V. Somasundaram, ED(ATM), AAI                              |                                 |
| 9.  | Mr. S.S. Verma, GM(AS), AAI                                    |                                 |
| 10. | Capt. N.V.S. Chandhoke, Dir(Ops), NACIL                        |                                 |
| 11. | Mr. Vipin K. Sharma, Dir(Engg), NACIL-I                        |                                 |
| 12. | Mr. Sudhir Saxena, Chief Manager (Engg.) NACIL-I               |                                 |
| 13. | Capt. R.S. Sandhu, DGM (FS), NACIL-I                           |                                 |
| 14. | Mr. A. Sharma, DGM (Quality), NACIL-A                          |                                 |
| 15. | Capt. Shakti Lumba, Dir(Ops), Indigo                           |                                 |
| 16. | Capt. Ranbir Singh, Sr. G.M (AS), Jet Airways                  |                                 |
| 17. | Mr. C.S. Tomar, VP(Engg & Maint.), Kingfisher Airlines         |                                 |
| 18. | Mr. O.P. Ahuja, VP(Ops), Spicejet                              |                                 |
| 19. | Capt. S.N. Reddy, Aviation Advisor,<br>Govt. of Andhra Pradesh |                                 |
| 20. | Mr. A.S. Verma, Delhi Flying Club                              |                                 |
| 21. | Capt. U. Gelli, MD, UHPL                                       |                                 |
| 22. | Mr. P. Raj Menon, Director, Global Vectra Helicorp             |                                 |
| 23. | Wg. Cdr. R. Mallik, ONGC                                       |                                 |
| 24. | Air Commodore B.S. Siwach, Sec Gen, RWSI                       |                                 |
| 25. | Mr. Pragyesh Misra, U.P. Govt.                                 |                                 |
| 26. | Ms. Tuhinanshu Sharma, DDAW, DGCA                              | Focal Point, India<br>COSCAP-SA |
| 27. | Mr. Maneesh Kumar, DDAS, DGCA                                  | Member Secretary                |