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UNAUTHORISED LANDING OF DEFENCE HELICOPTER

- Reference is made to your letter No. 1/CA/2018-2019 dated 05 May 18.
- As per records held with this Headquarters, 18 helipads (12 in NGI and 06 in SGI) are part of the established helipad directory for operations by military helicopters in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. In addition, all these helipads and identified landing/slithering zones are meant for not only facilitating military operations i.e. for routine insertion and extrication of troops for area patrols and exercises along the west coast of the entire Island chain, they are also utilised to provide aid to civil authorities including urgent casualty/medical evacuation on an as required basis.
- Towards ensuring meeting the above charter, there are certain prerequisites as stated below:-
 - Each helipad needs to be visited regularly for ascertaining condition/fitness (a) of helipad. The information so generated is disseminated to concerned agencies on a monthly basis for ensuring maintenance activities as required.
 - In addition, all aircrew of all types of military helicopters operating in these Islands are required to maintain currency for operating from these helipads so as to ensure continuous availability of qualified aircrew for envisaged operations.
- In view of the above, the present practice of intimating the Directorate of Civil Aviation 24-48 hours prior operations at any of these helipads, for activation of the helipad in terms of providing security and firefighting services, will continue to be followed.

Regards,

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for Commander-in-Chief

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- W.r.t your letter ANC/54030(iii)/NPM/Gen dated 08 May 18.