



PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Unauthorized Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLoS) Operations by Unmanned Aircraft Systems

It has come to the notice of DGCA through various sources, including media reports, promotional material, digital platforms and stakeholder interactions, that drone based delivery services, autonomous logistics operations and other Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) activities involving transportation of payloads have been conducted over extended distances. Such activities indicate the conduct or promotion of Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLoS) operations by UAS.

2. The general public, remote pilots, manufacturers, Remote Pilot Training Organizations and all stakeholders are hereby informed that:
 - (i) As on the date of issuance of this Public Notice, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) or DGCA has not notified any regulatory framework permitting BVLoS operations under the Drone Rules, 2021.
 - (ii) DGCA has not issued any Type Certificate to an UAS intended for BVLoS operations. Possession of a Type Certificate for any UAS shall not be construed as authorization to conduct BVLoS operations.
 - (iii) Existing Remote Pilot Certificates (RPCs) issued under the Drone Rules, 2021 authorize operations only within the privileges specified therein and do not authorize BVLoS operations.
3. Such unauthorized BVLoS operations may pose significant risks to aviation safety, public safety, and the orderly development of the unmanned aircraft ecosystem in India.
4. No person or entity shall conduct, advertise, promote or offer BVLoS drone operations unless specifically authorized, approved or exempted by the Competent Authority in accordance with the applicable Drone Rules, 2021.
5. All stakeholders are advised to exercise due diligence before undertaking or engaging any drone operation and shall ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the Drone Rules, 2021 and authorization /approvals given.
6. Any person or organization found conducting or facilitating unauthorized BVLoS operations shall be liable for enforcement action under the applicable provisions of the Drone Rules, 2021. Such action may include imposition of penalties, suspension or cancellation of approvals or certificates as considered appropriate by the Competent Authority.
7. Members of the public and industry stakeholders are encouraged to report any unauthorized BVLoS operations to MoCA/DGCA.

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