
URGENT SAFETY CONCERN – Repeated Technical Failures of VT-RRI / RRF and Request for Immediate Alternative Crew-Change Arrangement.

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Respected Sir,

We wish to bring to your urgent attention the serious aviation safety concern arising from today's crew-change operation for Rig Sagar Jyoti from Surat Airport.

On 18.08.2026, helicopter VT-RRI developed a technical malfunction mid-air and was required to return to Surat Airport.

Although the landing was completed safely and no injuries occurred, the incident has caused significant concern and loss of confidence among the crew.

Considering the repeated technical issues and operational disruptions associated with helicopter operations from Surat Airport, we respectfully request that crew changes for Rig Sagar Jyoti be routed through Mumbai Juhu Helibase instead.

Until a safe and reliable alternative arrangement is made, the crew is not willing to undertake crew-change operations through Surat Airport.

Your urgent intervention is requested in the interest of personnel safety and aviation risk management.

Note : Please find attached above
Onboard Crew letters
Incoming crew letters
Previous communication letters
Previous communication mails

The Union expects a prompt, decisive response to this issue which is severe, systemic crisis that threatens the lives, safety, and mental well-being of our energy soldiers.

Yours faithfully,

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