



## FEDERATION OF INDIAN PILOTS

FIP/MOCA/25-12

28 October 2025

To,  
The Director General,  
Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA),  
Opp. Safdarjung Airport,  
Aurobindo Marg,  
New Delhi – 110003.

**SUBJECT: NOTICE REGARDING DGCA'S EXTENSION TO AIRLINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CAR 2024 (FDTL REGULATIONS), IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE UNDERTAKING AND AFFIDAVIT FILED BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI IN FEDERATION OF INDIAN PILOTS V. DGCA, W.P.(C) 616/2023.**

Dear Sir,

1. Reference is made to the following;
  - a) Proceeding before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, namely Federation of Indian Pilots vs DGCA, W.P.(C) 616/2023;
  - b) Orders dated 24.02.2025 and 07.04.2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.
2. We are concerned by the Media report published by *The Economic Times* titled "DGCA softens night duty hour limit for pilots ahead of roll-out of new rules"(<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/.../articleshow/124856663.cms>) especially in view of the proceeding and orders noted above.
3. The Federation of Indian Pilots ("FIP") is a registered Society and Public Trust representing over 6000 Pilots and Aviation Professionals across India and is concerned since it has been raising similar issues for several decades.
4. The FIP had, through the above referred writ petition titled Federation of Indian Pilots vs DGCA, W.P.(C) No. 616/2023, challenged the vires of "Civil Aviation Requirement, Section 7 – Flight Crew Standards Training and Licensing, Series J, Part III" dated 24 Apr 2019, before the Hon'ble High

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Court of Delhi, which was disposed off by the Hon'ble High Court, vide order dated 07 Apr 2025.

5. It is a matter of record that the DGCA, through its affidavit dated 19 Feb 2025 filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *W.P.(C) 616/2023 – Federation of Indian Pilots vs DGCA*, categorically undertook and noted in the order dated 24 Feb 2025 that:

*“...the implementation of CAR 2024 will commence from 01 July 2025, and the Respondents are bound down to the timelines as set out in their affidavit dated 19 Feb 2025.*

6. The said undertaking was expressly recorded and confirmed in the orders dated 07 Apr 2025 passed by the Hon'ble Court, which further observed that—

*“...in the event of any non-compliance, the Petitioners shall be at liberty to approach the appropriate forum albeit in accordance with law.”*

7. The DGCA is thus bound by its own solemn undertaking and the directions of the Hon'ble Court. Any decision to extend, defer, or modify the implementation of CAR 2024 without the leave of the Hon'ble High Court, would be contrary to law, in breach of judicial assurance, and tantamount to wilful disobedience of the Court's orders, thereby attracting contempt jurisdiction under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

8. The reported grant of extension to airlines, therefore, amounts to a deliberate departure from the timeline affirmed before the Hon'ble Court, undermining the sanctity of judicial proceedings and eroding the confidence of stakeholders in the regulator's adherence to the rule of law. Such deviation, if not immediately corrected, would be a wilful and deliberate contempt of court.

9. Accordingly, the Federation of Indian Pilots hereby calls upon the DGCA to:
- a) Immediately withdraw or rescind any communication, order, or instruction granting extension or relaxation to airlines in implementation of CAR 2024 (FDTL Regulations);
  - b) Reaffirm in writing, within 48 hours, that CAR 2024 shall be implemented strictly in accordance with the timelines affirmed in the affidavit dated 19.02.2025 and the orders dated 24.02.2025 and 07.04.2025 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi;



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10. Failure to comply with the above within the stipulated time will compel FIP to initiate appropriate proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for willful disobedience and contempt of court against the DGCA and the responsible officers. It is requested that the Hon'ble Court order may please be adhered.

Yours faithfully,

With Warmest Regards,

(Capt. CS Randhawa)  
President  
Federation Of Indian Pilots (FIP)

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