



Sharma calls IAF, ATC facilities for civilian copter services

Governor Nirbhay Sharma emphasized on institutionalizing the use of Air Traffic Control (ATC) facilities of Indian Air Force (IAF) for civilian helicopter services on May 7.

Initiating a discussion with the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of Eastern Air Command, IAF, Air Marshal S.B. Deo who called on him at Raj Bhawan, the Governor also advised the AOC-in-C for keeping the squadrons in preparedness in the coming rainy months for evacuations and relief works and cases of medical emergency in the state. He also emphasized on induction of youths from the State in the force. In the meeting, they discussed air connectivity and dual use of Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) including civilian aircrafts and helicopter services in the state.

Air Marshal S B Deo also called on Chief Minister Nabam Tuki on May 7 and had an informal discussion on various issues pertaining to the Indian Air Force operations in Arunachal Pradesh in presence of Chief Secretary Ramesh Negi and Commissioner to CM Tajom Taloh.

Deo gave a detail explanation on the status of various landing grounds coming up in Arunachal Pradesh of which the airport at Pasighat is expected to be ready by December this year. The Air Marshal informed about the proposed projects of the Air Force to be taken up in the state and requested cooperation from the state government, especially in acquisition of land.

The Chief Minister assured the Air Marshal of all possible cooperation from the state government and requested the IAF to lend helping hands to the people of the state on times of need. The Air Marshal said that the IAF is ever ready to be of any help and assured chopper services in times of emergency or on request of the state government.