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Dear Shri Joshi

Karnataka's only flying school in Bangalore – Government Flying Training School (GFTS at Jakkur – (an institution conceived in 1948 by Shri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar, the 25th and the last Maharaja of the princely state of Mysore, and one which gave the country its first woman pilot) - is facing risk of closure as the Directorate of Air Safety, Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has established that Jakkur airport is unsafe for flying fixed wing aircraft due to the ongoing construction of the elevated road on the national highway.

The DGCA recommendation will directly affect the GFTS activities and also that of other light aircraft operators who operate from the aerodrome. In the past, representations have been made to NHAI requesting for elevated highway to be brought down to the existing highway level across the runway alignment by 50 metres on either side. This will ensure flight safety at the Jakkur aerodrome, continued availability of fixed wing operations and provide for higher safety margins for operations by the trainee pilots to avoid incidents / accidents.

Any move to cut down the Jakkur aerodrome for fixed wing operations will limit operations at the aerodrome and adversely affect the future development of Karnataka youth in the aviation sector - who are currently undergoing training in the school.

Therefore, in the interest of flight safety and development of youth from Karnataka in the aviation sector, I urge your intervention in this matter and request you to pass the necessary instructions for freezing of all construction work on the elevated highway till such time experts, including from the DGCA, examine the matter in detail and submit their recommendations.

I look forward to your urgent intervention on this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

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