

**ACCIDENT AT DHANA ON 3RD JAN 2020 INVOLVING CESSNA 172 R
AIRCRAFT VT-CAF OPERATED BY M/S CHIMES AVIATION PVT. LTD.**

Aircraft	Type	Cessna 172 R
	Nationality	Indian
	Registration	VT-CAF
Owner & Operator		M/s Chimes Aviation Pvt. Limited
Pilot	Licence	CPL Holder
	Extent of Injuries	Fatal
Co- Pilot	Licence	SPL Holder
	Extent of Injuries	Fatal
No. of Persons on board		02
Date & Time of Accident		3rd Jan 2020, 1545 UTC
Place of Accident		East of Dhana Airstrip
Co-ordinates of Accident Site		Lat. : 23°45'23" N Long. : 78°51'25" E.
Last point of Departure		Dhana Aerodrome
Intended landing place		Dhana Aerodrome
Type of Operation		Night Cross Country Training Flight
Phase of operation		Landing
Type of Accident		Fatal

INTERIM STATEMENT

On 3rd Jan 2020, Cessna 172 R aircraft VT-CAF operated by M/s Chimes Aviation Private Limited met with an accident near Dhana Aerodrome at District Sagar, Madhya Pradesh while carrying out a cross country night flying training on sector Dhana - Mahoba - Dhana.

The training flight was under supervision of a Flying Instructor holding valid ratings with more than 4000 Hrs of flying experience. Student Pilot had 177:50 Hrs of flying experience and was qualified to operate the said flight.

Aircraft took off from Dhana at about 1330 UTC in visibility below 5 Km. Due to fog, the visibility kept reducing as night progressed. The aircraft reported its position at regular intervals and was cautioned of dropping visibility at Dhana while on the return leg. Aircraft was also advised to divert to Bhopal. The aircraft attempted to land on runway 35 but carried out a missed approach. Aircraft was again advised to divert to Bhopal but Flight Instructor informed that he will make an attempt for runway 17. Few minutes later the aircraft crashed on east side of runway outside periphery of Dhana Aerodrome.

The occurrence was classified as an accident and an investigation to investigate into the probable cause(s) of the accident, was instituted under Rule 11 (1) of Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents), Rules 2017.

Medical test reports are essential evidence. Medical test reports of deceased pilots are with local authorities and there is a delay in providing the same to the investigation team.