

NON SCHEDULED OPERATION -4

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| 1. | AIRCRAFT: | | |
| | Type | : | King Air C 90 |
| | Registration | : | VT-EFF |
| 2. | DATE AND TIME | : | 30-09-2001, at 1331 Hrs. |
| 3. | LOCATION | : | Near Mainpuri (UP). |
| 4. | TYPE OF OPERATION | : | Charter Flight |
| 5. | PERSONS ON BOARD | : | Crew : 02, Passengers : 06. |
| 6. | INJURY INDEX | : | Fatal Serious Minor/None |
| | Crew | 02 | Nil Nil |
| | PAX | 06 | Nil Nil |
| | Others | Nil | Nil -- |
| 7. | DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT | : | Destroyed |
| 8. | PILOT-IN-COMMAND | : | Licence : CPL No. 2702 |
| | | | Age : 33 Yrs approx. |
| | | | Total Hrs. : 1596:30 Hrs. |

SUMMARY

King Air C 90 aircraft VT-EFF owned by Birla Global Finance Ltd. and operated by M/s Jindal Strips Ltd., New Dehli took off from Delhi on 30.09.2001 at 1241 hrs with six passengers and two crewmembers on board. The aircraft was bound to Kanpur. En route it reported Aligarh as estimated. Short of next reporting point KADAS the aircraft was about 10 miles right of track for which the permission was obtained and the pilot requested for direct routing to Kanpur. Captain was advised by ATC Lucknow, to co-ordinate with Gwalior and Agra for traffic information. Thereafter, the aircraft lost the contact with the ATC and crashed. All the persons on board received fatal injuries. The aircraft got destroyed due fire.

The probable cause of the accident is attributed to:

The pilot while flying through active thunder storm at cruise altitude encountered severe updrafts in intense and mature cloud formation and possibly underwent an abnormal and abrupt manoeuvre, most probably a steep spiral dive, resulting in in-flight breakage of the aircraft structure on account of aerodynamic overloads leading to total loss of controls followed with heavy impact with the ground causing fatal injuries to all the occupants.

Factor: Pilot

Contributory Factor: Weather.