

PRIVATE & BUSINESS - 2

1. AIRCRAFT:
Type : Beechcraft King Air F-90
Registration : VT-ELZ
2. DATE AND TIME : 02-02-98, at 19:16 Hrs.
3. LOCATION : Near Bhilai Airfield
4. TYPE OF OPERATION : Private Flight
5. PERSONS ON BOARD : Crew : 1 ; Passengers : 5
6. INJURY INDEX : Fatal Serious Minor/None
Crew : 1 Nil Nil
PAX : 5 Nil Nil
Others : Nil Nil -
7. DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT : Destroyed
8. PILOT-IN-COMMAND : Licence : ALTP-1526
Age : 57 Yrs. approx.
Total Hrs. : 7790:10 Hrs.

SUMMARY

SAIL King Air F-90 aircraft VT-ELZ was involved in an accident near Bhilai airfield on 02-02-98 during private flight from I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi to Bhilai airfield. The pilot while on direct track to Bhilai at 76 DME from Raipur and FL-070 insisted for further descent reporting bad weather. ATC Raipur cleared him for descend to 2700 ft on QNH of Raipur i.e. below MORA and MSA. On descending the navigation and communication guidance became intermittent and unreliable. Due to severe weather activities the aircraft diverted 40 NMs right of the track. The pilot while steering in the Easterly direction i.e. towards the destination in the darkness on the evening hours flew into rising terrain and collided with a hill resulting into fatal injuries to all the occupants and post accident fire. Aircraft was completely destroyed.

The probable cause of accident is :

"The aircraft in flight collided with rising terrain when the pilot flew below the height of the hill top during circum navigating bad weather and attempting to reach destination by maintaining visual contact with ground".

Factor : Weather, disregard to standard operating procedures, night flying.