
GEN 3.6 SEARCH AND RESCUE

1. Responsible authority

Department of Air Transport is the responsible authority for provision of SAR services. SAR is provided by DoAT in accordance with BCAR-12 in collaboration with Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority, Royal Bhutan Army, Royal Bhutan Helicopter Services, and Department of Disaster Management and with the adjacent Rescue Coordination Centre of India through bilateral agreement.

2. Area of Responsibility

The Search & Rescue service is responsible for the entire territory of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

3. Type of Service

Bhutan does not have a satellite-added Search and Rescue programme participation in the COSPAS/SARSAT system, therefore, the Royal Government of Bhutan has made an arrangement with the Government of India through bilateral agreement to assist in SAR purpose. Bhutan will serve as Rescue Sub- Centre (RSC) to coordinate with the Search and Rescue Region & SAR Unit.

4. SAR Agreement

TO BE DEVELOPED

For the purpose of SAR, the authority of other State who wishes their SAR unit to enter the territory of Bhutan shall transmit a request, giving full details of the projected missions and the need for it to the Director General of Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority. Ref. Gen 1.1 for address.

5. Address for Rescue Sub-Centre (RSC)

Rescue Sub-Centre - Paro
Department of Air Transport,
Paro Airport,
Paro : Bhutan,
Tel : 975-8-270186/270188/270189/270264
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