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Dear Shri Antony,

I would like to draw your attention to the irregularities and serious breach of procedure that has come to light during the recent controversy over the issuance of No-Objection Certificates (NOC) by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore (HAL) to a private builder near the HAL Airport in Bangalore.

The NOC letter was issued under the assumption of an incorrect Above Mean Sea Level (AMSL) figure submitted by the Private builder. In a gazetted document issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the HAL aerodrome has been shown to be at 888 metres above sea level. It is shocking to note that despite being privy to the requisite elevation maps from the Survey of India, the NOC was approved without prior checks for the authenticity of the figure submitted by the builder. HAL failed to investigate the submission even after receiving directions from Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.

A potential catastrophe was prevented due to the vigilance of private citizens compelling HAL to cancel the NOC erroneously given to the builder. While I welcome the cancellation of the NOC by HAL, I urge you to call for an investigation at the earliest into the complicity of officials who allegedly delayed action, despite the illegality brought to their notice by citizens, and also into all NOCs / sanctions granted by HAL since 2008 on the basis of AMSL certificates issued by private agencies which is not in accordance with the Survey of India data.

I look forward to your urgent action on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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