

**PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR & DISTRICT**  
**MAGISTRATE, ERNAKULAM**  
**Present : UMESH N S K IAS**

No: DCEKM/7706/2025-M7

Date: 16-06-2025

Sub :- Restrictions on the Red zone (5 Km from Airport Boundary) - Ban on operation of Non-Conventional aerial platforms like Microlite aircraft, Aero models, Para gliders, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drones, Power hand gliders, Laser Beams and hot air balloons around Cochin International Airport - Orders issued U/s 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita- 2023.

Ref :- 1. Letter No.CIAL/OPS/30 Dated 26.05.2025 & 25.10.2024 from Cochin International Airport Limited.  
2. Letter No.ओ-42099/के औसुब/रियाल/परि/DRONE/UAV/2024-11301-(E) Dated 31.05.2025 from Deputy Commandant, Cochin Airport.  
3. Letter No.G1(b)-36833/2025/E Dated 13.06.2025 from District Police Chief, Ernakulam Rural. Aluva.

1. Whereas, reports have been received from Airport Director and District Police Chief, Ernakulam Rural, Aluva and others regarding the dangers caused by unauthorised usage of Microlite aircraft, Aero models, Para gliders, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drone, Power hand gliders, Laser Beams and hot air balloons etc. in the red zone of Cochin International Airport (5 Km from Airport Boundary). The reports have clearly mentioned that flying Microlite aircraft, Aero models, Para gliders, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drone, Power hand gliders, Laser Beams and hot air balloons etc. which are projected up in and around the airspace and also in the approach path of runways towards landing aircraft, in the Red Zone are a threat for the safe operation of aircraft in the said area.

2. On careful examination of the reports available with me and on its careful analysis, I am convinced that, flying Microlite aircraft, Aero models, Para gliders, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drone, Power hand gliders, Laser Beams and hot air balloons etc. can interfere with the navigation system of the Aircrafts. In such situation, it may affect the lives of the passengers and crew members in such Aircrafts. So urgent measures are required against the usage of Microlite aircraft, Aero models, Para gliders, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drone, Power hand gliders,

Laser Beams and hot air balloons so as to ensure safe aircraft landing, take off and safe Aircraft flying operations.

**3.** And hence, it is absolutely necessary to control the flying of Microlite aircraft, Aero models, Para gliders, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drone, Power hand gliders, Laser Beams and hot air balloons for establishing a safe Red Zone area around Cochin International Airport.

**4.** Therefore I, UMESH N S K IAS, District Magistrate and District Collector, Ernakulam vide powers conferred upon me u/s 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita- 2023, do here by order that:

**A.** No person shall use Microlite aircraft, Aero models, Para gliders, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Drone, Power hand gliders, Laser Beams and hot air balloons etc in the Red Zone (5 Km from Airport Boundary) around Cochin International Airport.

**B.** Any person or individual who notice such type of activities being used with the Intent to obstruct landing, take off and flying operations of any aircraft shall inform the nearest police station.

**5.** This order shall come into force with effect from the date of issue of this order.

**6.** As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the order is hereby passed ex-parte. It shall be published for the information of public, through Media , and by affixing copies on the notice boards of the Police stations, Municipalities and Grama Panchayaths, Taluk Offices and Village offices.

**UMESH N S K IAS  
DISTRICT COLLECTOR &  
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, ERNAKULAM**

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1. District Police Chief, Aluva Rural
2. Airport Director, Cochin International Airport.
3. District Information Officer, Ernakulam.
4. Joint Director,LSGD,Ernakulam