



However it was not explained in the FoD letter No: FLT OPS/TECH/51 dated November 17, 2015 that why these aircrafts were accepted when some of the missing features make them non compliant with the Civil Aviation requirement of Pakistan.

As per sources the national flag carrier recently acquired 2 Boeing 777 on dry lease option while one with registration number AP BMG has been delivered and another one AP BMH to join PIA soon.

Boeing777 in question is atleast 10years old as it did its first flight on 13thMay2005 & was leased to VietnamAir till Oct2015 when PIA acquired the aircraft. supposed to be fitted with all facilities before handing over but it seems someone was in hurry to get aircraft delivery.

Experts question the acquisition of Boeing 777-200 ER in haste from the Vietnam Airlines that have many essential items and safety measures missing compared to the similar fleet that Pakistan International Airlines is operating.

Letter points out that aircraft lacks on the board performance tool (OPT) Flight Operation Department however promised that OPT would be given to the crew on their iPad. Department further pointed out that those crew members that do not have iPad will be provided hard copies.

Experts question this lack of professionalism by PIA that is taking such an important flying input so lightly. Another missing feature is the absence of surveillance cameras with display in cockpit. This feature is crucial for ensuring the safety of the passengers.

CAA made it mandatory to install these cameras. Letter states that waiver in this regard has been obtained from PCAA. Experts regret that such waiver has been granted by the authority which could be a source of embarrassment for both PIA and CAA if an aircraft is inspected abroad.