

CHENNAI (MAA/VOMM)

Elevation 52ft

CATEGORY A

AV brief – not required

GENERAL

- General airfield information

Threats

CFIT

- The coastal terrain surrounding the airfield is flat.
- Terrain 45nm to the N rises to 3413ft amsl.
- Terrain 65nm to the SW rises to 3535ft amsl.

Runway Incursion

- Note the presence of Tambaran airfield approx 6nm to the SW which has a similar runway layout.

ARRIVAL

Diversion Airports

MUMBAI	BOM/VABB	560 nm/311°T	CAT B
HYDERABAD(Shamshabad)	HYD/VOHS	275 nm/338°T	CAT A
DELHI	DEL/VIDP	955 nm/350°T	CAT A
BANGALORE	BLR/VOBL	145 nm/275°T	CAT A
KOLKATA	HYD/VOHS	750 nm/040°T	CAT A
AHMEDABAD	HYD/VOHS	745 nm/325°T	CAT A

Approach

- Rwy 12/30 is only available for VFR/day operation by Code 'C' type aircraft. Therefore this runway will not be used by BA

BAV Crew Reports

- BA pilots have reported taxi clearances from ATC on taxiways that are not suitable for widebody aircraft. Therefore pilots should be fully aware of the AOI, AGC and APC taxiway restrictions.

- Exercise caution taxing on Twys K and B (between Twys G and K) due to wingspan limit of 65m.

B747 and B777-300 wingspan is 64.8m

B777-200 wingspan is 60.7m

B787 wingspan is 60.1m

A350 wingspan is 64.75m

GROUND

- Twy K to Rwy 07 has two centrelines. The right taxi-line should be used unless the take-off weight requires the use of Full Length. Refer to CARD or OPT for details.
- Emergency turn procedures for Rwy 07 and 25 are in CARD/Performance Manual.

WEATHER

- Dec to Feb – NE monsoon with mainly fine weather.
- Jul to Oct – SW monsoon with frequent CBs.
- Oct to Feb – Early morning fog a possibility.
- Jun to Nov – Cyclones may affect the area.
- Visibility occasionally reduced in rising dust at any time of year.

BAV Crew Reports

- Local Indian festival resulted in diversion due to visibility reducing to 50 m RVR – no forecast and no NOTAM regarding the festival despite passengers on the flight knowing and reporting it as an annual problem.
During the later part of the flight the visibility reduced to 50 m in FU (the forecast did not call for this severe a deterioration). This resulted in a diversion to HYD.
On the ground, several passengers commented that this was common as the harvest festival of "Pongal" was beginning that morning, part of which includes locals burning unwanted items (refuse). This was the cause of the smoke and it seemed fairly common knowledge that it effects the airport during this time.
– Pongal festival typically falls in mid-January.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	Bhadra International India Ltd
Handling Agent VHF	131.7
Potable Water	Uplift Permitted

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use ground power at all times
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use aircraft internal air-conditioning (which may require the GPU to be supplemented by the APU generators)