Questions for DGCA

1. Is the Digital Sky Platform which is an Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) platform (supposed to provide automatic permission for flights) fully operational?
2. What is the tracking mechanism employed in drones? Is NPNT firmware also used to track drones?
3. Are the authorities equipped to monitor the movement/chart the flight plans of each and every drone? (IAF and AAI monitoring authorities)
4. Is the existing air traffic management infrastructure also being used for managing the traffic of drones? Is there a mechanism/ protocol in place to coordinate or communicate with drones- in- flight to avoid collision with buildings or divert them from incoming traffic?
5. Are all drones being centrally monitored or by respective local air traffic controllers?
6. How do you ensure that drones are not retrofitted with surveillance sensors and used for some other purpose than the declared ones, after they acquire all the requisite permissions? Is there any guidelines ensuring tamper proofing of drones? Does the liability lies with the manufacturer or the operator?
7. Is there any regulation on online sale of drones? How do you ensure that they are compliant to import and manufacturing (ETA) guidelines? Is the manufacturer responsible for ensuring the drones available online have ETA and adhere to manufacturing standards?
8. What is the security protocol if a drone goes rogue?
9. On whom does the liability lies in case of drone-to-drone collisions and interference? Has circular been issued to the banks for providing third party insurance for drones?

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