

Fire & Rescue Services HQRS
Housing Board Junction,
Thiruvananthapuram-695 001

G1-6183/15

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From

Loknath Behera IPS
Director General

To

All Divisional Officers,
All Assistant Divisional Officers

Sir,

Sub : Minimum Fire Safety Standards for existing buildings – reg.

Public safety is important in any society. In a democratic country like India, it is incumbent on the Government to ensure safety of public from fire, floods, disasters etc. Considering this philosophy, various laws, rules and regulations have been brought in.

02. So far as fire vulnerabilities are concerned, it is very crucial that fire safety is maintained in the buildings so that fire accidents can be prevented and fire accidents can be handled without loss of life and property. A number of fire accidents causing loss of life and property have taken place in India and it was invariably found the fire safety measures in such buildings were inadequate/non functional. Constitutional Courts in India including Honorable Supreme Court have ruled time and again so to how to take the matter seriously and do the needful.

03. A large number of buildings of different types are constructed; they include **residential buildings, educational buildings, hospitals, assembly** and **hazards buildings** etc. During some recent verifications conducted by this department, it was found that fire safety and fire fighting measures are inadequate in most of the buildings. Either the fire fighting

equipments are not existing or not working (when they exist). It is highly desirable that every type of building should have at least **minimum fire safety measures** and such measures will vary from one type building to other. In this situation, we have prepared some **pointers** which will certainly bring in **minimum fire safety standards** for various types of buildings. Such safety standards for different type of buildings are given as Annexures.

04. *The occupants of the buildings or associations or builders should comply with these requirements and it is in the interest of occupants. Our department will assist them by giving **free guidance consultancy** and also by undertaking training to stakeholders (once requested).*

05. You are directed to contact various buildings and issue **request letters cum notices** along with the relevant pointers and if required explaining them the requirements and requesting them to implement the pointers in 30 days and inform you in writing. After that again inspections should be done and if they do not comply, send a report to the headquarters to take further necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Loknath Behera IPS
Director General

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