

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:122  
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003  
MODERNISATION OF FIRE SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have not paid adequate attention to fire control and modernisation of fire services all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the fire control services in major cities are in-adequate to meet contingencies arising from fires in multistoried buildings;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have sought any help from overseas to meet the requirement of fire control services in major cities;
- (f) if so, the details of help sought and obtained in terms of training and equipment to modernise the fire services; and
- (g) the allotment of such assistance in 2003-2004, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Fire Service is a State subject. The Central Government guides & assists the States by framing of appropriate guidelines and providing logistic and financial support to the states for fire control and modernization of fire services. State Governments have been advised to follow National Building Code of India which details Fire Safety provisions for multi-storey buildings.

(e): No, Sir.

(f)&(g): Do not arise.