

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:871
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FUNDS FOR MODERNISATION OF FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided funds for modernisation of fire fighting services in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total funds granted/released/utilised to/ by the various State Governments during each of the last three years and the current year, including Kerala State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) Government has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at a cost of Rs.200 crores for 'Strengthening of Fire & Emergency Services in the Country' on 10-11-2009. The Scheme attempts to fill the existing gaps in the fire fighting and rescue capability through introduction of modern technology such as Advanced Fire Tenders with Mist Technology, Quick Response Team Vehicle, Search & Rescue Combi Tools and capacity building of various stakeholders. An amount of Rs. 14 crore has been released during the financial year of 2009-10. State wise details of funds released are given in annexure.