

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5115
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NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE COLLEGE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bachelor Engineering Course at the National Fire Service College (NFSC) in Nagpur has been non-functional for the last four years;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total funds granted by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the total funds utilised/un-utilised by the college?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The students are not admitted in the said Course from academic session 2004-05 as the Course has been discontinued due to lack of infrastructure and faculty as per the norms fixed by Nagpur University.

(c) & (d): A Scheme for upgradation of National Fire Service College, Nagpur at a cost of Rs.103.95 crore was approved in March 2005 for execution of civil works/construction of buildings, procurement of training aids/equipments and purchase of laboratory items. The Scheme was entrusted to Central Public Works Department for implementation. However, before the CPWD, the executing authority could start the work, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) opined that the Scheme should be held in abeyance and facilities available made at par with the best available internationally. Out of the Rs.103.95 crore Rs.68.28 lakh was incurred towards pre-construction activities and Rs.53.44 lakh towards the acquisition of land admeasuring 14.61 acres.

In this background a revised scheme at a cost of Rs.205 crore has been prepared which is yet to be approved by the competent authority. Bachelor of Engineering (Fire) course will commence only after creation of required infrastructure.