

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to modernize the Fire and Rescue Service in the Country;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from various State Governments to upgrade the existing Fire Academy;
- (c) if so, the total number of such proposals received during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, including Kerala?
- (d) the total expenditure likely and likely to be incurred in this regards; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to fill up all the pending vacancies in such academy?

Answer

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

(a): Government of India have taken Several Steps to modernize and strengthening Fire and Rescue Service in the Country.

(1) A Scheme for strengthening of Fire and Emergency Service in the Country has been launched in November 2009 with an outlay of Rs.200 Crore. The Scheme is to be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the Centre and State contribution in the ratio of 75:25 and for north-eastern states in the ratio of 90:10 within XIth Five Plan period.

(ii) The Scheme aims to fill the existing gaps in the firefighting and rescue capability through the introduction of modern technology such as advanced Fire Tenders, High Pressure Pumps with Mist Technology capable of conserving water during firefighting, better striking power of firefighting jets, quick fire knockdown features and rescue tools for cutting and spreading of steel in collapsed building structures /motorcar accidents at State, district and divisional levels.

(iii) The Scheme also aims to provide training to the trainers from Fire Service Personnel in advanced courses of collapsed structure search & rescue and fire fighting at the National Fire Service College, Nagpur.

(iv) It is contemplated in the Scheme to undertake Fire Risk and Hazard Analysis in the country for the first time for preparing Fire Service Preparedness Plan for the Country.

(2) Another Scheme for Upgradation of National Fire Service College, Nagpur has also been approved by the Government of India on 08.06.2010 at a cost of Rs. 205 Crore. The Scheme aims to make National Fire Service College as an Institution of Excellence within 3 years of timeframe.

(3) Besides above measures, as per recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission, a portion of the grant of Rs.87519 crores provided to the Urban Local Bodies for Strengthening of Fire and Emergency Services, is also available which is subject to fulfilling the conditions of developing a Fire Hazard Response and Mitigation Plan for their respective jurisdiction. In addition, Rs. 472 crores have been allocated to the 7 States for revamping of Fire & Emergency Services.

(b): No, Madam.

(c) to (e): No proposal received.