

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:17  
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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) whether the Government has provided funds for modernisation of fire and rescue services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total funds granted/released/utilised by the various State Governments separately, during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Kerala; and
- (c) the details of other measures taken by the Government to modernise the fire and rescue services in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b):

(i) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme under PLAN head for strengthening of Fire and Emergency Services in the Country has been launched in November' 2009 with an outlay of Rs. 200 crores, to be spent in the remaining period of Eleventh Five Year Plan period, i.e. 2009-2012. The Centre and State contribution on procurement of equipments is fixed in the ratio of 75:25 and for north-eastern states in the ratio of 90:10 and the remaining items is to be fully funded by Central Government.

(ii) The major activities of the scheme along with the details of total central funds allocated are as follows:

Activities            Funds Allocated  
(Rs. in crores)

Procurement of capital items    178.12  
Such as advanced fire tender,  
High pressure pump with mist  
Technology, quick response team  
vehicle and search & rescue combi-tools.

Awareness Generation/School Safety    4.38  
Programme

Training of Trainers in advanced courses    5.00  
of collapsed structure search & rescue  
and fire fighting.

Fire Hazard and Risk Analysis    10.00

Project Management and Monitoring    2.50

(iii) The details of year-wise release of funds to the State Governments including Kerela by the Central Government are given in Annexure.

(iv) According to the report received from the States till date, the total funds utilized is Rs. 6.86 croes. However, the utilization for remaining amount released in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 is expected to be received by 31.3.2011 and 31.3.2012, respectively.

(c): Other measures taken by Government to modernize the fire and rescue services are as follows:

(i) A scheme to upgrade National Fire Service College, Nagpur as an institution of excellence is under implementation with an outlay of Rs. 205 cores, during the period from year 2010 to 2013.

(ii) As per recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission, a grant of Rs. 87,519 crore has been allocated to Urban Local Bodies, a portion of which is available for revamping of fire services within their respective jurisdiction. In addition, a fund of Rs. 472 crores has been allocated for revamping of Fire Servicers to the states of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Mizoram, Orissa, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi) and West Bengal.