

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DELHI FIRE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the fire fighting ability of Delhi Fire Service;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is acute shortage of sky ladders in Delhi as there several high risk buildings;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The review of the fire fighting ability of Delhi Fire Service (DFS) is a continuous process. Government has launched a scheme namely "Strengthening of Delhi Fire Service" with a target of setting up 70 fire stations. Out of which 54 fire stations have already been established. This scheme envisages establishing new fire station buildings, provision of fire fighting appliances and upgradation of existing facilities at Fire Service Management Academy and establishing new training facilities. The fire fighting capabilities of DFS include a strong fleet 243 fire units.
- (c) & (d): The Government is aware of the requirement of Delhi Fire Service (DFS). There are 08 hydraulic platforms (05 hydraulic platforms and 03 Turn-Table Ladders) at different fire station in Delhi. These hydraulic platforms can access upto 42m height and have been strategically located at fire stations in the vicinity of high-rise buildings.
- (e): Order has been placed for one more hydraulic platform costing Rs.9.5 Crore which can access upto 70m height.