

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF BIS ON FIRE SAFETY
Nagorao Shri Dudhgaonkar Ganeshrao

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) with regard to fire safety in Government/Private buildings and in temporary structures and pandals erected for functions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure fire safety measures in every Government/Private buildings in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is an organization for the harmonious development of standardization, marking and quality certification. There are standards on fire fighting and rescue equipments, codes and practices on fire safety in various buildings and in temporary structures and pandals erected for functions. The National Building Code of India (NBC) serves as a modal code for adoption by all agencies involved in building construction works and also contains fire safety requirements.

'Fire Services' is a state subject. It has been included as a municipal function in the XIth Schedule of Article 243-W of the Constitution of India. As such, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to ensure fire safety measures in every government/ private buildings in the country by adopting the fire safety requirements in the NBC in their building byelaws and enforce the safety codes and practices framed by the BIS to save life and property.