

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1332
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FIRE SAFETY SERVICES IN URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has made consultations with the State Governments for upgrading the fire safety services in urban areas as local self Governments are not having sufficient fire safety equipment and manpower to tackle fire eventually; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the sources from where funds are proposed to be raised for upgrading of fire safety services in urban areas?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Fire Services is a State Subject. As such, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments/ Municipal bodies to allocate sufficient resources for improving fire safety and allied Service. The Government of India, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments had requested all the State Governments to submit project proposal for upgrading Fire Services in their States. On the basis of the proposals received from State Governments, a Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme at a cost of Rs. 200 crore has been sanctioned for strengthening of Fire & Emergency Services in the Country to be implemented during 2009-2012, wherein the funds are being provided by the Central Government.