

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE SAFETY

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is lack of proper fire fighting measures in the high rise buildings in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government is in consultation with State Governments for proper fire and safety system in high rise buildings in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government is also in consultation with State Governments for providing trained manpower for Fire and Safety system; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (c): Fire is a State subject. The State Governments are to ensure the required fire fighting measures in high rise building.

There are standards on fire fighting/rescue equipments, codes of practices on fire safety in various occupancies/industries including high rise buildings. National Building Code of India published by the Bureau of Indian Standards covers fire protection, fire prevention, evacuation plans for the safety of occupants in high rise buildings. The State Governments are expected to adopt these standards in their local buildings byelaws.

Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a Standing Fire Advisory Council. This council recommends suitable measures to upgrade the Standards of Fire Services, including special equipment for fire fighting and rescue in high rise buildings.

(d) & (e): National Fire Service College, Nagpur a premier Fire Training Institute is a subordinate organization of the Ministry of Home Affairs. It conducts training in fire fighting and rescue in various kinds of fire risks and other emergencies. Sub-Officers Course of National Fire Service College, Nagpur is also conducted in the State Fire Training Centres identified as Regional Training Centres. Government of India has approved a proposal amounting to Rs. 205 Crore for the up-gradation of National Fire Service College, Nagpur. It is expected that the CPWD will handover the new campus by the end of 2016.