

**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 as per the existing Fire Safety Act, the malls, hospitals and public sites are required to have their own fire safety officers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard; and
- (c) the policy formulated for providing training to fire safety officers and ensuring monitoring in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs  
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (c): Fire Services have been included as a municipal function in the XIth Schedule of the Constitution of India and as such, it is the primary responsibility of the State Government to raise and equip the fire services and train fire personnel in their jurisdiction and enforce their Fire Safety Acts.

National Fire Service College (NFSC), Nagpur, established in 1956, is conducting Sub-Officers', Station Officers & Divisional Officers' course along with other specialized courses for the Fire Service Personnel from State / Union Territories / Central Ministries / Public Sector Undertakings beside inducting fresher's from open market in Sub-officers' course. NFSC has trained more than 17000 fire service personnel. To cope up with the growing demand, 10 Regional Training Centres have been identified for conducting the Sub-Officers' course of National Fire Service College. State Fire Services have their own training centres to cater the training needs of lower level functionaries.

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The Government of India in 2009-10 has allocated Rs. 205. 00 crore to upgrade the infrastructure of NFSC and the existing training facilities in addition to increasing the training capacity. The allocation for the financial year 2015-16 is Rs. 40 Crore.

To further strengthen fire training and make disaster response training more professional, in June, 2015, it has been decided to establish NDRF Academy, Nagpur by merging NFSC, Nagpur and National Civil Defence College(NCDC), Nagpur.

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