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Title: Need to allocate funds for setting up of more fire stations in the country.

SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA (KENDRAPARA): Madam, in our country, everyday 59 people die from fire accidents. This is a number which, I would urge my colleagues, in this House to think about. This is the average for the last 15 years. Everyday, on an average, 59 people die from fire accidents in this country whether it is a hospital fire in Odisha or a temple fire in Kerala or so many residential and office buildings which do not have proper safety features. ...(*Interruptions*)

I would like to point out that the Civil Defence Website of the NDRF of the Home Ministry itself says that there is almost 98 per cent shortage of fire stations in the country. Although this is required to be established by the State Governments and Municipalities, yet it is a national crisis. I would urge the Government and my colleagues here to support the Central Government scheme to fund fire stations. We cannot afford to have this kind of casualty in our country. ...(*Interruptions*)

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