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Sub: Fire & Life Safety Measures in Govt. Buildings in Delhi

Directors, Delhi Fire Service, New Delhi vide his letter dated 06/06/2014 on the above-mentioned subject has emphasized on the facts as under:-

‘The capital city Delhi is entering in a critical phase of summer and temperature is likely to rise beyond 42-43°C. Humidity factor is going down resulting into a prolonged dry phase. A part from other problems, this unique combination results into abnormally high number of fire incidents causing loss of life and damage to property & environment.

Some of the common causes of fire are careless smoking, careless handling of L.P.G., open flames and bad housekeeping etc. However, fires due to electrical origin are the most prominent. This may be due to overheating, multiple use of socket, poor quality of wiring & appliances and total disregard to safety features such as fuses and circuit breakers.

However, Delhi Fire Service is prepared and responding to incidents reported in the minimum time to mitigate the miseries, but best way to reduce such incidents is observing preventive measures as well as preparedness for dealing with such incidents at premises. In context role of owner / occupier / maintenance, authorities become more critical in case of Govt. buildings where such activities are controlled by multiple agencies such as CPWD/PWD/Security agencies etc. and after expiry of a considerable time / of late the persons of such premises report fire incidents.

Keeping in view the above, all HOSs are directed to take adequate steps to ensure that fire fighting equipments and system installed in school building complex are functional and escape routes are kept unobstructed apart from observing necessary fire preventive measures. All HOSs are further directed to contact with concerned J.E. /A.E. /E.E., PWD and get the work completed relating to wiring, sockets, fuses and circuit-breakers etc. upto the mark as well as fire safety provisions functional on priority.

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2. P.S. to Director of Education, Old Sectt. Delhi-110054.
4. Director, Delhi Fire Service,(HQRS), Connaught Place, New Delhi.
5. All Districts DDEs, Dte. of Education, Delhi/New Delhi to get the matter
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