

F. No.VIII-11011/03/2017-DGCD(F)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Directorate General FS,CD & HG
DGCD (Fire Cell)

East Block – VII, Level – VII,
R.K. Puram, New Delhi – 110 066
Dated 18th April, 2017

To

All the Chief Secretary in the States/UTs.

Subject :- Fire incidents in Hospitals/Nursing Homes.

Sir,


Fire Adviser, Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide letter No. VIII-11011/03/2011-DGCD(F) dated 21st December, 2011 had issued the advisories to avoid the recurrence of fire incidents in Hospitals and Nursing Homes and suggested the States to ensure that Hospital/Nursing Home buildings have proper Fire Safety measures in place as prescribed in the various Codes and Standards (copy enclosed).

2. However, few more fire incidents have been noticed in Hospitals and Nursing Homes after 2011. As you are aware that various patients visit/stay in hospital as per the advice of the Doctors. Few of them even cannot stand/work without the support of others. It is therefore, essential that in view of such type of occupancy strict adherence to the fire and life safety norms as prescribed in the National Building Code of India, 2016 should be strictly implemented.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of India Standards notifies vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 816(E) dated 15th March, 2017 a new National Building Code of India with its updated fire safety requirements for various occupancies including Hospital/Nursing Homes. As per clause 4.10.1 of part IV "Fire & Life Safety" of NBC, 2016, "a qualified Fire Officer with experience of not less than 3 years shall be appointed who will be available on the premises for institutional buildings (Hospitals and Sanatoria, Custodial Institutions, Penal and Mental Institution) of 15 m and above height.

4. You are requested to issue the necessary direction to the concerned authorities to appoint Fire Officer for such occupancy immediately and ensure strict implementation of Fire Safety provisions as prescribed in the State Fire Service Act and NBC of India Part – IV "Fire & Life Safety" for the Hospitals and Nursing Homes to avoid the recurrence of Fire Accidents.

Yours faithfully,



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All the Heads of Fire Services in the States/UTs for necessary action.

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