F. No. VIII-11011/02/2014-DGCD(F) Ministry of Home Affairs Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence & Home Guards Fire Section

East Block – VII, Level – 7, R.K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066 Dated 13th June, 2014

To

All the Chief Secretary in the States/UTs

Subject: Fire Tragedy in Chandigarh

Sir,

To avoid the recurrence of fire incidents like the one which occurred in a three-storey building hired by National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) in Sector -17, Chandigarh on 8th June, 2014, it is suggested that the States/UTs ensure such office buildings have proper fire safety measures in place. In this context emphasis should be laid on the following measures:-

- (a) The concerned authority responsible for issuing the No Objection Certificates for office buildings be asked to put up the status of NOCs obtained by all such offices in the States/UTs.
- (b) It must be ensured that while issuing the NOC, the fire safety provisions as prescribed by the existing State Fire Service Act and National Building Code of India for office buildings have been catered for.
- (c) The concerned departmeths may be asked to re-inspect/re-check all such buildings from the point of view of fire protection and means of escape within a period of one month.

regards

Yours faithfully,

Director General FS,CD & HG

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All the Heads of Fire Services in the States/UTs.