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OF

THE STANDING FIRE ADVISORY  
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(Updated upto the 32nd Meeting)

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It is a useful document consisting of guidelines which, if followed, may change the shape of fire services in the Country for the better and may also bring the fire services at par with the international norms. As a part of disaster management, strengthening and modernizing of the Fire Services in the country are vital for the capacity building.

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## PREFACE

The Standing Fire Advisory Committee was constituted by the Government of India (Ministry of Home Affairs) on the recommendation of Chiefs of Fire Services in 1955 to examine the technical problems relating to fire services and to advise the Government of India on matters concerning the organization and speedy development of fire services all over the country. While constituting the committee, representatives from each State having important fire service, Union Territory of Delhi, the Ministries of Home, Defence, Transport and Communications and the Indian Standards Institution were included in it. Later, more Members were co-opted so that almost each State, Union Territory and important Ministry were represented on it. The Committee was renamed as "Standing Fire Advisory Council" in the year 1980. The objectives and functions of the Council were, however, the same as those of the Standing fire Advisory Committee.

The Committee/Council has held 31st meetings so far and has made valuable contribution to fulfill the objectives for which it was constituted. During the various meetings of the committee, it was observed that progress on its recommendations was slow and some of the topics on which decision had been taken at earlier meetings were repeated at latter meetings. Some of the important recommendations which have not yet been fully implemented by all States include enactment of the Fire Force Bill and the Rules there under; creation of an organized service in each State/Union Territory as per the "Organisational Structure" recommended by the committee; matters pertaining to personnel of fire service; etc.

The Committee at its eleventh meeting decided that all recommendations made by it should be consolidated in the form of a Compendium for easy accessibility and ready reference. This Compendium is an update on the earlier one and includes all recommendations of the Committee/Council up to the 28th meeting.

Heads of fire services in each State/Union Territory/Central Ministry are requested to vigorously pursue the implementation of the recommendations in their respective jurisdiction in the interest of speedy development of a well organised and efficient fire service.

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