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[the A.P. Fire Service Act 1999.](#)

NOTICE FOR VIOLATION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE SAFETY MEASURES :

In recent days many hospitals received such type of notices from district fire officers. to clear the doubts and negotiate with district fire officers, i am here with giving some information and i request all branch secretaries to meet respective district fire officers to clear the air.

What is the act? How it implies to the hospitals?

As per the A.P. Fire Service Act 1999, anyone proposing to construct a high rise building for any purpose other than residential, should apply for issue of NOC even before submission of building plans to the municipal authorities concerned.

SECTION 13 / 1 : Any Person Proposing to construct a building of more than 15 meters height for commercial / business purpose, 18 meters and above height for residential purpose, and buildings of public congregation like schools, cinema halls, function halls, religious place, which are more than 500 sq. Meeter in plot area or 6 meters and above in hight shall apply to the Director General or any member of the service duly authorised by him in this behalf, before submission of such building plans to the authority or officer competent to approve the same under the relevant law, for the time being force, for a no objection certificate along with such fee as may be prescribed.

In our country acts are easily amended for the convenience. Like that this act also has under gone transformations- **Act No.32 of 2000---** **An act to amend the Andhra pradesh fire service act, 1999**

In section 13 of the principal Act, --(i) for sub-section (1) the following shall be substituted, namely :- “(1) Any person proposing to construct a high-rise building or a building proposed to be used for any purpose other than residential purpose or a building proposed to be used for residential purpose of more than 15 meters in height such as group housing, multi-storey flats, walk-up apartments, etc., shall apply to the Director General or any member of the service duly authorized by him in building plans to the authority or officer competent to approve the same under the relevant law, for the time being in force, for a no objection certificate along with such fee as may be prescribed.”;(ii) in sub-section (2), for the expression “the National Building Code of India, 1983”, the expression “the National Building Code of India, 1997”, shall be substituted.

My hospital building is a big structure and it was constructed on a plot of above 500 sq.meters. retrospectively what should i do ?

REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS TO ENSURE REASONABLE FIRE SAFETY:

The High Power Committee recommends the following mandatory fire safety measures in existing buildings for different occupancies and categories, i.e.,

- i) All buildings of 15 metres and above in height.
- ii) Non-Residential buildings of 500 Sq. Meters and above in area irrespectively of height.
- iii) Assembly and Educational building of 6 meters and above in height.

The Committee recommends that a time period of 6 months may be given for compliance of the above suggested fire safety measures and thereafter strict enforcement action may be taken by the Fire Department upon failure to do so.

apply for regularization and pay the penalties at the rate of Rs.100 per sqft of violated built up area in respect of commercial buildings and Rs.50 per sq ft . of violated built up area in respect of all other buildings failing which, enforcement and coercive measures will be taken up by the local bodies concerned.

Prosecution of owners / occupiers of Multi Storied Buildings who have failed to provide required Fire Safety Measures as per the provisions of National Building Code of India under Section -31 of A.P. Fire Services Act.1999

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (M1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.623 Dated:1-12-2006.

Government here by issue the following notification amending certain provisions of said Hyderabad Revised Building Rules 2006 and the same shall be published in the Andhra Pradesh Extraordinary Gazettee dt. 4.12.2006:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 585 of the Hyderabad Municipal corporation Act, 1955 and sub-section (2) of Section 58 of AP Urban areas (Development) Act, 1975, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby issue the following amendments to the Hyderabad Revised Building Rules 2006.

Amendment 2. /F

As per the provisions of the AP Fire Service Act, 1999, commercial buildings of

height 15 m and above, and buildings of public congregation like schools, cinema theatres, function halls and other assembly buildings on plot area of 500 sq m and above or of height above 6 m are required to obtain prior clearance from Fire Department from fire safety point of view. (this is the existing rule position) .