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The Chief Secretary of all the States/UTs.

Subject: Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Standing Fire Advisory Council held at Mumbai.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Standing Fire Advisory Council (SFAC) held on 6th and 7th January, 2017 at Mumbai for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of DG (FS,CD & HG), Chairman, Standing Fire Advisory Council.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Shami

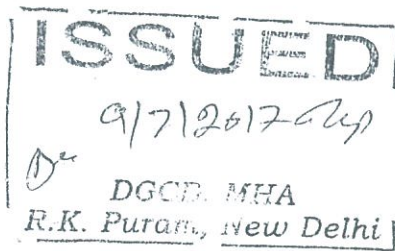
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1. All the Members of Standing Fire Advisory Council.
2. DG (FS,CD & HG), Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. Director (DM-II), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi for information.

**MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF STANDING FIRE ADVISORY COUNCIL HELD
AT MUMBAI ON 6TH AND 7TH JANUARY, 2017**

The 38th Meeting of the Standing Fire Advisory Council (SFAC) was held on 6th and 7th January, 2017 at Mumbai. The meeting was scheduled for two days to allow the Members to discuss in details about the various agenda points. On 6th January, 2017 Shri Prakash Mishra, DG, FS,CD & HG has inaugurated and delivered the key note address.

Chairman : Shri Prakash Mishra, IPS, DG Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

Member Secretary : Shri D.K. Shami, Fire Adviser, Member Secretary, Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence & Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Member/Delegates: List of Members/Delegates of 38th meeting of SFAC is at Annexure-I

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

Items on the Agenda and the decisions taken are mentioned below:-

Sl. No	Agenda Points & Sponsored by	Remarks
I	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 37th Meeting of Standing Fire Advisory Council. The Minutes of the meeting was issued to the Chief Secretary of all the States/UTs with a copy to all the Members of SFAC vide this office letter number No. VI-14022/01/2015-DGCD (F) dated 5 th January, 2016. The office of DGCD has also prepared updated action taken report and placed in the background material for the perusal of the Council.	Members confirmed the Minutes of 37 th Meeting unanimously.
II	POLICY/LEGAL ISSUES	
1	Include firefighting and fire prevention skills under National Skill Development Corporation Programme of Government of India	Members discussed in detail about the inclusion of firefighting and fire prevention skills under National Skill Development Corporation Programme. The Chairman decided to constitute a small committee

	<p>Goa</p> <p>The Regional Training Centre's be recognized as Training Centre under National Skill Development Corporation with due accreditation under National Skill Development Programme to cover Basic Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention Courses. The item "Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention" to be included under the heading "Sector" in Appendix -1 of the National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurships 2015.</p> <p>The item 12 "Building Construction, Real Estate" and Item 17 "Security" are too broad and the Fire Fighting and Fire Safety Installation are subject areas falling in both these sectors. The Standing Fire Advisory Council may recommend to National Skill Development Corporation to have two separate 3 months course modules in "Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention". This needs to be done on priority since National Skill Development Corporation is in the process of developing the Training Module and arranging for Training Centre.</p>	<p>comprising Director, Goa Fire Service as Chairman and Director, Maharashtra Fire Service, DIG (Fire), CISF, Sh. Mandke, CFO, CIDCO and Sh. Sukanta Sethi, CFO, Odisha as Members to prepare a module and syllabus preferably for 3 months duration course. After getting the module and syllabus DGCD will request to NSDC to include firefighting and fire prevention skills under NSDC Programme.</p> <p align="right">Action : Committee/DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>
2	<p>Uniform Fire Service Act/Rules</p> <p>Himachal Pradesh</p> <p>Fire Services Act & Rules should be uniformed and implemented equally throughout India.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the Ministry had circulated a Model Fire Force Bill in the year, 1958 and so far only 24 States/UTs have enacted the same. However only 13 have framed the rules under the Act. Ministry is in the process of updating the Model Fire Force Bill which is in the final stage</p> <p align="right">Action : DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>
III	ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES	
1	<p>Central Assistance</p> <p>Goa,</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that a proposal amounting to Rs. 750/- Cr (Central Share) under the Umbrella</p>

	<p>Odisha, Meghalaya</p> <p>A comprehensive scheme for strengthening fire and emergency service in the country should be developed as the development of Fire & Emergency Services is not uniform across the country. Similarly needs are also location specific. In the circumstances specific – purpose grants entails back reference to Government of India for relaxation and time available for utilization of grants gets reduced. Hence, it is requested that the Central Assistance under the Scheme “Modernization of Fire and Emergency Services in the country” may be released as Block grants united to any specific item of expenditure.</p>	<p>Scheme is under consideration with the Government of India. As far as Block grant is concerned it is not possible on part of the Government of India as the funds released to the State Governments directly under the Centrally sponsored Schemes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action : Nil</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Creation of Fund</p> <p>Punjab</p> <p>In most of the states Fire Service is under the control of Local Bodies and in some State Governments. None of the Fire Service can make up the deficiency due to shortage of funds.</p> <p>SFAC may recommend NOC fee @ Rs. 10/- per sq. mts.for grant/renewal of NOC on the pattern of Andhra Pradesh Fire Service.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the provision for creation of Fire Fund has been included in the revised Fire Service Act. The provision of NOC Fees is also included. Some of the states are already collecting the same. Therefore, State Government of Punjab may review the existing Local Fire Service Act and impose above fees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action : Nil</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Abolishing the Class-IV level post in Fire Services of all PSU as in the Govt. Organization</p> <p>O.N.G.C.</p> <p>In most of the organizations of fire services like State Fire Services, Municipal Fire Brigades etc. the Class- IV level has been abolished. There is no Class-IV level in Police force as per the recommendations of 6th Pay Commission.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that 6th Pay Commission has already recommended to abolish the nomenclature used for the class – IV and rechristened them as MTS. ONGC may follow the same.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action : Nil</p>

	<p>The same should be followed in PSU also.</p>	
4	<p>Welfare of Fire & Emergency Services and SDRF personnel of all the States/UTs in form of Hazardous Allowances</p> <p>Assam</p> <p>The personnel of Fire & Emergency Services and SDRF by their nature of job/task are exposed to adverse and life threatening weather condition and hazardous chemicals and fumes having permanent deleterious effect on the health and wellbeing. But there is no welfare provision for the Fire & Emergency Services and SDRF personnel.</p> <p>Therefore, SFAC may kindly take care of the above fact and recommend strongly to the States/UTs for granting of hazardous allowance to the Fire & Emergency Services/SDRF personnel along with the monthly saiaary.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the Risk Allowance is already given to the Fire Service personnel by some of the States. Chairman agreed to write all the States/UTs to give the Risk Allowance to all the Fire Service Personnel as per the rule.</p> <p>Action : DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>
5	<p>E –Communication between all State Fire Service Administration</p> <p>Puducherry</p> <p>It is pertinent to provide the inter-connection of all the States/UTs headed by the Central Head of Fire Service Organisation through internet and also through e-communication, GPRS and Mapping system of Fire Service Administration all over India for the effective and speedy communication system by way of getting the earmark, knowledge and view/suggestion of the experienced Fire Officers. This will help the Fire Officers to share their experience while firefighting hazardous situations to others for the effective firefighting operation.</p>	<p>Members discussed in detail and appreciated the issue raised by Puducherry. Chairman said that it is a very good point and informed that the office of DGCD is in the process of revising the website of DGCD. All important orders, documents and the mass media material will be uploaded on the website. Links will be provided to enable the persons to directly reach to the website of various State Fire Services.</p> <p>Action : DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>

6	<p>Report of NDMA about the norms for setting up of Fire Stations</p> <p>DG FS,CD & HG</p> <p>In pursuance to MHA letter dated 11th July, 2016, NDMA vide their letter dated 15th November, 2016 has submitted a report on Norms for setting up of Fire Stations in States/UTs.</p>	<p>Members discussed in detail and most of the Members suggested that some time may be given to the Members to study/examine the Norms for setting up of Fire Stations. Accordingly the Chairman requested the Members to forward their comments to the office of DGCD within three months of time. After getting the comments the Fire Adviser will compile and put up the final report for further necessary action.</p> <p align="right">Action : Members/DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>
IV	<p>TRAINING ISSUES</p>	
1	<p>Revamping of National Fire Service College Syllabus for Sub-officers Course</p> <p>Officers' Course must be upgraded with the latest techniques for the firefighting operation with proper training</p> <p>Goa</p> <p>DRDO</p> <p>Pudducherry</p> <p>The present syllabus in use for the Sub-Officers, Station Officers and Divisional Officers course (Goa is a Regional Training Centre for conducting the National Fire Service College Training) is found to be outdated. There is a need for upgrading the contents to make the officers fit for taking up responsibilities managing an independent response unit/Fire Station.</p> <p>The Standing Fire Advisory Council may recommend the co-option of major knowledge institutions namely; Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), National Institute of Technology (NIT) or local Engineering College to revamp the syllabus of the Sub-Officer, Station Fire Officer and Divisional Officers Courses</p>	<p>Members discussed the issues in detail and most of the Members agreed to revise the course curriculum of Sub-Officers' Station Officers' and Divisional Officers' Course of NFSC, Nagpur. Chairman informed that the course curriculum of all the courses will be updated by the International Consultant befitting the requirement for each level of Professional visa-a-vis the availability technical facility in the NFSC premises. He also mentioned that MHA is also insisting to reduce the period of the training of the Professional courses to enable NFSC to provide training to more fire professionals. All the members unanimously resolved that a Professional Body should review the syllabus, contents and periods required for the awarding of certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma. NFSC, Nagpur should constitute a body accordingly and submit the report.</p> <p align="right">Action : NFSC, Nagpur</p>

	<p>and also to introduce higher management level course for the top echelon on priority basis.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Rules for Professional Courses – Eligibility Criteria by National Fire Service College, MHA</p> <p>Goa</p> <p>At present the National Fire Service College rules for Training of Sub-Officers consists of 3 categories of applicants</p> <p>(1) Eligibility Criteria for Departmental Candidate (Sponsored by Government Sector).</p> <p>(2) Eligibility Criteria for Direct Entrants (Sponsored by Private Sector).</p> <p>(3) Eligibility Criteria for Direct Entrants (Private) through All India Entrance Examination.</p> <p>The Goa State Recruitment Rules provide for direct entry of Sub-Officers. They do not fit into Category (3). It is therefore, requested that Category (1) may be sub-divided into two categories;</p> <p>1(a) Eligibility Criteria for Direct Sub-officer recruited by State Government with academic qualification identical as given in Category (3). In this case no experience to be insisted.</p> <p>1(b) Eligibility Criteria for Departmental Candidates (Sponsored by Government Sector).</p>	<p>Members discussed the issues in detail and most of the Members agreed with the proposal of Goa. Chairman decided that direct recruited Sub-Officers' can be trained in National Fire Service College, Nagpur without insisting any experience if the State Government sponsored the direct recruited Sub-Officers' for training. Few members also insist to remove the compulsory condition of having the Heavy Vehicle license for undergoing Station Officers course and requested to made condition from compulsory to optional. Members unanimously accepted the same.</p> <p align="right">Action : NFSC, Nagpur</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Curriculum on Fire Safety in Middle Schools</p> <p>Bihar</p> <p>All State Governments may be advised to include curriculum on fire safety in the middle schools.</p>	<p>SFAC is already recommended this. Chairman decided to write all State Governments to include curriculum on fire safety in the Middle Schools.</p> <p align="right">Action : DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>

4	<p>Uniform Training Policy</p> <p>D.R.D.O.</p> <p>Formulation of uniform training policy or a National Policy on Fire Safety Training</p>	<p>Chairman directed the Director, National Fire Service College, Nagpur to prepare and submit a document on this in consultation with some eminent members for the Regional Training Centre within one month of time.</p>
5	<p>Uniform Code/Policy for Training Centre</p> <p>D.R.D.O.</p> <p>A uniform code/policy or National Policy for establishment of Training Centres at State level for Fire and Disaster Training.</p>	<p align="center">Action : Director, NFSC, Nagpur</p>
6	<p>Virtual Reality Training</p> <p>D.R.D.O.</p> <p>Introduction of Virtual Reality Training in the fire safety training institutes.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the upgradation of National Fire Service College is in the final stage. After completion of the work such type of course can be conducted at National Fire Service College, Nagpur.</p> <p align="right">Action : Nil</p>
7	<p>R & D Projects</p> <p>D.R.D.O.</p> <p>R & D projects required/raised by State Fire Services/Industrial Fire Services in the field of fire safety in collaboration with CFEES, DRDO, Ministry of Defence</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the upgradation of National Fire Service College is in the final stage. After completion of the work R & D projects can be started at National Fire Service College, Nagpur.</p> <p align="right">Action : Nil</p>
8	<p>Disaster as a Subject</p> <p>D.R.D.O.</p> <p>The disaster as a subject shall be included in all firefighting courses</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the subject Disaster Management will be included in the revised syllabus of NFSC.</p> <p align="right">Action : Director, NFSC, Nagpur</p>
9	<p>Authorized Institution/Body for training the Fire Service Personnel with the modern/latest equipment and ideas</p> <p>Puducherry</p> <p>An authorized Institution/Body needed in order to impart training to the Fire Service Personnel for handling the Modern/Latest</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the supplier is providing the training to the users of their equipment/appliances. It is difficult to provide training to fire service professionals of various specialized equipment procured by them at NFSC, Nagpur.</p> <p align="right">Action : Nil</p>

	<p>equipment. Since, the operation with the Fire Fighting is facing lot of critical challenges at the spot which is incredible to handle the situation and also equipped them to handle the modern equipment which is supplied to the Fire Service Personnel like Sky Lift, Cutters, Spreaders, Scuba Sets and etc. It is preferably if the Institution gives refresher courses to the Fire Service Personnel with valid Certificate.</p>	
<p>V</p>	<p>EQUIPMENT</p>	
<p>1</p>	<p>Updating the BIS standards</p> <p>Bihar</p> <p>The erstwhile specifications of various firefighting equipment prepared by the Bureau of Indian Standards are required to be amended as over the period of time (since 50s) relevance of many specifications has been outdated. For example, the ISI specification for portable pumps is for 3 cylinders which are not being manufactured by any firm. Similarly, the ISI specification for pumps in type B fire tender is 'centrifugal pump' whereas high/low pressure pumps re in vogue.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the specifications of various firefighting equipment are generally revised by the Bureau of Indian Standards in every five years. If any State wants to amend/modify the Specifications then they may write to Fire Adviser. Fire Adviser in the capacity of the Chairman of CED – 22 may take up the issues with the BIS for the early formulation/updating the BIS standards.</p> <p align="right">Action : State/DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Provision of Modern Equipment to Fire Service personnel.</p> <p>Odisha</p> <p>As the Fire Service personnel are called upon to combat fire and undertake rescue operations from orgies fire and other natural calamities, they perform their duties in hazardous conditions to save human lives, animals and properties worth crores of rupees. Hence, they should be provided with the required sophisticated equipment for the purpose. Therefore a scale may be prepared by a Committee and necessary provision made for procurement of equipment by</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the Government of India is in the process of providing various modern equipment under the Umbrella Scheme of Modernization of Fire Services in India.</p> <p align="right">Action : Nil</p>

	different State Fire Services.	
3	<p>Modification of the prescribed technical specification given by MHA</p> <p>Mizoram</p> <p>The technical specification and standards prescribed by MHA under CSS especially on chassis for Fire Tender/Rescue Tender is always Heavy Vehicles chassis. Heavy vehicle chassis are normally unsuitable for Emergency Services in the hilly regions like Sikkim, Uttarkhand, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh etc. while medium/light vehicles chassis are always suitable even though their capacity are small but more workable in the incident site.</p> <p>Hence, the SFAC may consider that certain permissible limit may be allowed for hilly states for modification of the prescribed technical specification given by MHA, without losing its original concept.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the Government of India provides generic specification for procuring the modern firefighting equipment under the centrally sponsored scheme. However, if request receives from the States to allow them to make slightly changes in accordance with the terrain, DGCD office in consultation with MHA consider the same.</p> <p align="right">Action : States/DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>
VI	MISCELLANEOUS	
1.	<p>Public Awareness Activities</p> <p>Odisha</p> <p>To prevent for accidents, it is essential to create public awareness for which of Rs. 10 lakhs per annum for each state may be provisioned for generating public awareness through electronic, print media and observance of Fire Service Weeks with community involvement. These funds may be provided by the Government of India under Centrally/sponsored scheme.</p>	<p>Member-Secretary informed the Members that this point will be taken care and more funds will be earmarked in the name of Public Awareness Activities in the next project.</p> <p align="right">Action : DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>
2	<p>Monetary Benefit for the Recipients of President Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service/Distinguished Service.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the awardees of Fire Service organizations are getting the benefit at par with the awardees of Police personnel.</p> <p align="right">Action : Nil</p>

	<p>Assam</p> <p>Fire & Emergency Services/SDRF Personnel who are awarded with President's Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service/Distinguished Service are not given any monetary incentive.</p> <p>Therefore, SFAC may kindly take care of the above fact and take necessary steps for recommendation of reasonable monetary incentive to the awardee of the concerned States/UTs to develop more dedication towards service and from the morale point of view.</p>	
3	<p>Fire Safety NOC to Industrial Unit.</p> <p>Puducherry</p> <p>The Insurance Companies should ensure NOC from Fire Service before insuring the Industrial Units to avoid Fire Accidents in Industrial Units.</p> <p>The Insurance Agencies are not insisting the Industrial Units to get NOC for insuring their policies. This causes Fire in Industrial Units and are approaching Fire Service for Certificates without the installation of Fire Safety Measures. In leads to more loss of life and property in Industrial Units.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the subject matter falls under the Factory Act. On the recommendation of SFAC the matter was taken up with the concerned Ministry to empower the Fire Services for the inspection and issue of NOC. However, the Ministry had declined giving the reference of Factory Act.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action : Nil</p>
4	<p>Equal Pay Scale, Rank with designation</p> <p>Odisha</p> <p>At present the pay structure of the Fire Service personnel is different from state to state. Even the designation of different rank is also not similar. To mark uniformity, the designation and pay structure of equivalent ranks of all States of India should be similar and identical.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General Fire Service, Odisha has already been constituted in this regard. The report of the committee is awaited.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action : Committee/DGCD (Fire Cell)</p>

5	<p>Norms/guidelines to designate the title of the organization</p> <p>Puducherry</p> <p>In the UT of Puducherry Fire Organization is known as "Fire Service Department". In order to make aware of the public the department name be rechristened as "Department of Fire & Rescue Services".</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the office of DGCD has already rechristened the name of Fire Services as Fire and Emergency Services in the year, 2003. States may adopt the same.</p> <p>Action : States/UTs</p>
6	<p>Delegation of powers for periodical inspection of fire hazardous premises under explosives Act/Petroleum Act/Bureau of Indian Standards Act (LPG regulation)</p> <p>Puducherry</p> <p>At present fire hazardous premises like MS/HSD storage/processing premises, retail outlet, Chemical Industries, LPG/Auto LPG Bottling units/storage/retail outlet, explosives substances are not periodically inspected by the Fire Officers as done by the other officials. As per the existing Act, the Fire Officers are not included along with other Department officials who have delegation power to conduct inspection at the aforesaid hazardous premises. In this regard, we want to make necessary 'amendment' to include the Fire Service Department for the periodical inspection of said hazardous premises to confirm the fire safety in the respective acts to ensure the safety of each industry to avoid major loss in line of Fire Prevention measures to save the life and property on the whole.</p>	<p>It is informed to the Members that the report on Review of Existing Legislation such as Explosives Acts and Rules have been circulated to all the members for comments but only Assam, H.P., Delhi, Arunachal Pradesh and CISF have forwarded their comments. The comments of the remaining States/UTs are awaited. Members may expedite the comments.</p> <p>Action : States/UTs</p>
7	<p>Integration of Water Mains.</p> <p>Bihar</p> <p>All state governments may be advised to ensure integration of the Water Mains under the PHED or water supply</p>	<p>Members discussed the issue and said that in most of the States static water tanks have been provided for the use by the Fire Brigades and these tanks are connected with the water mains of the water supply department. They recommended to construct and maintain</p>

	department with the hydrant for the Fire Services.	the static water tanks at the strategic location in the city. Action : States/UTs
8	Independent Department Himachal Pradesh Fire Service Department should be independent department in India.	It is informed to the Members that the SFAC is already recommended in its earlier meetings. Action : Nil
9	Uniformity in Organizational Structure Himachal Pradesh Uniformity in organizational structure throughout India.	It is informed to the Members that the reports of the Sub-Committee on Uniformity of Fire Service Uniform and Shoulder Badges and Uniform badges of Ranks for Indian Fire Service Professional Badges have already been circulated in this regard. However, a copy of the same is placed in the Background Material of this meeting. All are advised to go through and adopt the same. Action : Nil
VI	<u>PROGRESS ON SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT SET UP BY 33RD 34TH 35TH AND 36TH AND OTHER ISSUES</u>	
1	Separate norms for Fire & Emergency Services. (Agenda Point – 3 of 34th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues) A sub-committee headed by Dr. G.A. Bhat, DG, Jammu & Kashmir Fire Service, Convener, DIG (Fire), Uttarakhand, DIG (Fire), Nagaland as Member & Shri D.K. Shami, Dy, Fire Adviser will be Member Secretary. The committee will submit its draft report within 3 months for the perusal of the council.	Most of the Officers nominated for this Committee are transferred/retired. Therefore, it has been decided to appoint a new Committee. The new committee will comprise D.G. Assam as Chairman, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura are the Members of the Committee. The Committee will submit its report within four months of time. Action : Sub-Committee
2	Revision of yard stick of appliances Agenda Point –1.6 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues)	

	<p>Assam Yard stick of appliance in the present compendium is based only on population. But both population and hazard should be taken into consideration at a time for calculation of the pumping unit of a particular area when new fire & emergency service station will proposed.</p>	
3	<p>Village Fire Parties Agenda Point -1.19 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Orgnizational Issues) Himachal Pradesh In the hill states, maximum area is covered with forest. In summer season forest fires take place and forest property worth crores of rupees is gutted in fire. In the forest fire, vast area is covered by fire and requires more manpower for extinguishing the fire, whereas Fire Services has limited/less manpower at fire stations. To meet the challenge of these fire threats at forest/rural areas, a plan is required to be prepared (like by making village fire parties).</p>	
4	<p>Gap in Fire Coverage Agenda Point -1.7 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues) Assam M/s RMSI analyzed and highlighted the gap of Fire Station, equipment and personnel etc. on the basis of GIS without showing specific coverage of hill areas, char and revering as well as forest land moreover, this analysis does not even mention the road condition of rural areas as well as hill, char, revering and forest land whereas road condition is one of the factor to cover the distance to attend any emergency fire call by the Fire &</p>	

	<p>Emergency Services. Therefore SFAC norms as defined one fire station in an area of 10 sq. km in urban area and 50 sq.km in rural area may taken into consideration for calculating the gap in respect of Fire & Emergency Services Station.</p>	
5	<p>Revision of Drill Manual (Agenda Point – 6 of 34th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues)</p> <p>Director NFSC was asked to submit the revised Drill Manual in consultation with Karnataka on 14th March 2013. A soft copy of Drill Manual was submitted on 25.04.2013. After examining, it has been found that the chapter on "Passing Out Parade and Commemoration Parade" is not included in the draft.</p>	<p>Chairman directed to Director, National Fire Service to forward the revised Drill Manual in consultation with the Karnataka at the earliest. Director, NFSC has also agreed to forward the Drill Manual within one months of time.</p> <p align="right">Action : Director, NFSC</p>
6	<p>Equal Pay Scale (Agenda Point – 10 of 34th SFAC Meeting under Organizational issues)</p> <p>A sub-committee was constituted on 31.3.2013 headed by ADG, Odisha Fire Service as Convenor and U.P, Gujarat, Karnataka, Delhi as Member and Shri D.K. Shami as Member Secretary. The draft has been put up for the perusal of the council.</p>	<p>The Committee has been requested to submit its report at the earliest.</p> <p align="right">Action : Sub-Committee</p>
7	<p>Uniform Pay Structure and other allowances to Fire Personnel.</p> <p>Agenda Point –1.18 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Organizational Issues)</p> <p>Daman & Diu</p>	
8	<p>Uniformity of Fire service uniform and shoulder badges throughout India (</p>	<p>The report had been circulated in the 36th Meeting of SFAC for</p>

	<p>Agenda of 33rd SFAC Meeting)</p> <p>Common Uniform to Fire & Emergency Services (Agenda No. 1.1 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues)</p>	<p>adoption(Copy Annexed at <u>Annexure -'C' & 'H'</u>). Only NFSC, Nagpur has adopted the new uniform. Heads of the State may implement the same as per availability of funds or whenever they are distributing the due uniform.</p> <p>Action: States/UTs</p>
9	<p>Review of Existing Legislation, such as Explosives Act and Rules</p> <p>Agenda Point -1.8 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues)</p> <p>Tamil Nadu</p> <p>The existing explosives rules has given enormous powers to explosives department and they are not consulting even district administration in renewing their triennial licenses to manufacture, storing and selling of huge quantities of fireworks. As this relates to issue of public safety, SFAC should suggest the concerned ministry about necessity of reviewing the provisions of explosives rules to reflect the current scenario and while issuing licenses irrespective of the quantity, the district administration, the district police authorities and Fire Service department should be consulted and should pave for joint inspection in case of major violations.</p>	<p>Draft report received from Director, Tamil Nadu Fire & Rescue Services had been forwarded to all the Members for comments/opinion on the report. Only Assam, H.P., CISF, Delhi and Arunachal Pradesh have forwarded their comments. Remaining states are requested to expedite the same.</p> <p>Action : States/UTs</p>
10	<p>Custom duty exemption firefighting and rescue equipment used by the fire service.</p> <p>Agenda Point -1.12 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues)</p> <p>Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Ministry of Home Affairs has forwarded the proposal to the Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs, M/o Finance for doing the needful. The case is under consideration.</p> <p>Action : MHA</p>

11	<p>Exemption of Custom Duty for the Import of Fire Fighting and Rescue Equipment</p> <p>Agenda Point -1.13 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Policy & Legal Issues)</p> <p>DG NDRF & CD</p>	
12	<p>Provisioning of Fire & Rescue Equipments For Public Sector Undertaking(CISF)</p> <p>Agenda Point -1.26 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Equipment Issues)</p> <p>CISF, MHA</p> <p>In order to strengthening all the Fire Services engaged in PSUs necessary directions be issued to the PSUs/ Corporate office through respective ministry to provide necessary rescue gadgets/equipments to the undertaking fire services.</p>	<p>Chairman asked DIG (Fire), CISF to submit the report within one months of time.</p> <p>Action : DIG (Fire), CISF</p>
13	<p>Centralized procurement of sophisticated technical equipment</p> <p>Agenda Point -1.30 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Equipment Issues)</p> <p>Andhra Pradesh</p> <p>It is suggested that sophisticated technical equipment could be procured by way of centralized procurement thorough DGCD, New Delhi.</p>	<p>FA NDRF &CD informed the Members that Government of India has adopted the GeM procurement system and requested to adopt the same.</p> <p>Action : Nil</p>
14	<p>All India Fire games and constitution of All India Fire Sports Board</p> <p>Agenda Point -1.55 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Miscellaneous Issues)</p>	<p>As per rough estimate an approximately Rs. 3.00 crores is required to organise such games in India A proposal was moved for provisioning of required funds in the budget head however, due to non-</p>

	<p>DG NDRF & CD</p> <p>All India fire games should be organized in the country and the representative from the Deptt. Should be sent to world police and fire games in future. The Board should be constituted under DG NDRF & CD with Members from the state Fire & Emergency Deptt: The Government of India, MHA be asked to provide financial assistance for the same. In addition, states should also make provisions to sponsor the best sports person for the world fire games in future.</p>	<p>availability of funds the proposed fire games postponed till the availability of funds.</p> <p>Director, Maharashtra Fire Service has voluntarily agreed to host the Fire Service Game at Mumbai for Fire Service Drill under a sponsorship programme.</p> <p align="right">Action: DG FS,CD & HG(Fire Cell)/Mumbai Fire Brigade</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>All India Fire Service Game</p> <p>Agenda Point –1.41 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Miscellaneous Issues)</p> <p>Airport Authority of India</p> <p>India Fire Service games to be recognized by Directorate General NDRF & CD, Fire Advisor to all States or Govt. Undertaking Fire Services.</p> <p>It is assured to the members that proposal will be sent to MHA for the approval of holding "All India Fire Service Meet" with the following events:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Portable Pump Drill ii) Hose Drill iii) Extension Ladder Drill iv) B.A. Set Drill v) Hydrant Drill 	
<p>16</p>	<p>Facilitation to the President's Gallantry Awards</p> <p>Agenda Point –1.50 of 35th SFAC Meeting under Miscellaneous Issues)</p>	<p>The Monetary Allowance was enhanced at par with the Police Medal Awardees vide Notification No. 29-Pres/2015 dated 25th March, 2015 . Other facilities such as Railway Pass, 75% discount on</p>

	<p>Members of SFAC</p> <p>Members of SFAC requested to the Chairman to take up the matter of issue of Identity Card, Certificate, Railway Pass, Air Pass etc. should be given to the Fire Service Personnel at par with the other medal awardees.</p>	<p>Air ticket and telephone facilities has also been extended to the recipient of Gallantry Medal awardees vide this office letter dated 26th August, 2015.</p> <p align="right">Action : States</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Compensation for Death or Disability occurred in the course of performance of duty Goa</p> <p>Accidental death or disability of the Fire Personnel has been the area of concern of the fraternity. The Government of Goa has approved compensation of Rs. 10.00 lakh for families of Fire Personnel who die in the course of performance of duty and also in the case of full total disability and proportionate amount for partial disability. The Standing Fire Advisory Council may like to examine this model for adoption by other states or may also get information from other States for having notified better scheme for providing Compensation for Death or Disability.</p>	<p>The committee comprising of CFO, Mumbai, Director, Goa Fire & Emergency Services, CFO, Delhi Fire Service, DIG, Uttarakhand Fire & Emergency Services, General Manager, Airport Authority of India and AMC, Chandigarh Fire & Emergency Services will review the various schemes and recommend the best scheme for the adoption.</p> <p>The Committee is requested to expedite the report.</p> <p align="right">Action: DG FS,CD&HG (Fire Cell)/States/Committee</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Creation of welfare fund Uttarakhand</p> <p>Fire and Emergency Service personnel are responding to manmade and natural disasters as First Responders. Provision should be made for Rs. 15.00 lakh in case of death, Rs. 2.00 lakh for minor injury and Rs. 5.00 lakh for serious injury as accidental insurance.</p>	
<p>19</p>	<p>Insurance/Compensation to the Fire Personnel Airport Authority of India</p> <p>On the job accidental injury/incapacitation or death insurance & compensation to fire fighters.</p>	

Chairman thanked all the delegates who have attended 38th Meeting of Standing Fire Advisory Council and stressed the need to work together to help in the development of Fire & Emergency Services in the country.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the Director, Maharashtra Fire & Emergency Services, Government of Maharashtra.

Annexure-I

DELEGATES ATTENDED THE 38TH MEETING OF STANDING FIRE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
6TH AND 7TH JANUARY, 2017 AT MUMBAI

S.No.	Name & Designation	State/UTs/Org.
1	Sh. Prakash Mishra, IPS DG FS,CD&HG	MHA, GOI
2	Sh. V. Venugopal FA NDRF & CD	MHA, GOI
3	Sh. D.K. Shami Fire Adviser	MHA, GOI
4	Sh. P.S. Rahangdale Director, Maharashtra Fire Service	Maharashtra
5	Sh. Ashok Menon Director, Goa Fire & Emergency Services	Goa
6	Sh. A.P. Rout, IPS DG (HG, CD & Fire & Emergency Services)	Assam
7	Sh. Rajnath Singh, DIG (Fire)	CISSE, MHA
8	Major General Nayak Consultant	NDMA
9	Sh. Kuldip Kumar Director Fire Service	Tripura
10	Sh. Mukharjee IG Fire & Emergency Services	Karnataka
11	Sh. M.F. Dastoor, Director Fire Services	Gujarat
12	Sh. V. Kutty Head Fire Services	Reliance Industries
13	Sh. R.S. Sodhi Director General Fire & Emergency Services	Jammu & Kashmir
14	Sh. R.K. Thakur, Additional State Fire Officer	Jharkhand
15	Sh. L. Nabachandra Singh Divisional Officer	Manipur
16	Sh. Neihchungnunga Director Fire & Emergency Services	Mizoram
17	Sh. K. Ilango, ADFO	Puducherry
18	Sh. V.B. Sant Director General	National Safety Council
19	Sh. R.C. Kudawla, IPS ADG (P) Director Fire & Rescue Services	Tamil Nadu

20	N. Priya Dy. Director	Tamil Nadu
21	Sh. Binay Kumar Behera, IPS DG FS, HG & CD	Odisha
22	Sh. Sukant Sethi, Chief Fire Officer	Odisha
23	Sh. Neeraj Sharma GM Fire Services	O.N.G.C.
24	Sh. Anil Mahajan Chief Fire Officer	Nashik, Maharashtra
25	Sh. K.U. Ramesh Director, Fire & Emergency Services	Karnataka
26	Sh. T.L. Verma, Fire Consultant	Punjab
27	Sh. Debapriya Biswas, OSD & Former ADG Fire & Emergency Services	West Bengal
28	Sh. K. Jayaram Naik, Director, AP State Disaster Response & Fire Department	Andhra Pradesh
29	Sh. M.L. Sharma, Fire Officer	Chandigarh
30	Sh. A. P. Mandke Chief Fire Officer	Thane Fire Brigade
31	Sh. A.K. Tandle, Chief Fire Officer	B.A R.C., Trombay, Mumbai
32	Sh. Jagdish Prasad Chief Fire Officer	Rajasthan
33	Sh. R. S. Chimote Chief Scientist, Fire Research Lab,	CSIR - CBRI, Roorkee -- 247667
34	Sh. Shamim Director	NFSC, MHA
35	Sh. Swastik Jadeja, Chief Fire Officer	Gujarat
36	Sh. A.K. Vala Asstt. Divisional Fire Officer	Daman & Diu
37	Sh. S. K. Sharma Dy. Director, Fire Services	Uttarakhand
38	Sh. J.N. Ray, Chief Fire Officer	Heavy Water Plant
39	Sh. Gourange Sahoo, Assistant Section Officer	DGCD, MHA
40	Sh. Sanjeet Yadav, Steno	DGCD, MHA
