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**Sub: Necessity or Otherwise of Renewal of Fire Approval
either annually or as per under required Statute.....**

Instances have been reported or noticed that the owner or occupier of a building or premises are insisted upon taking renewal of fire approval, particularly from the local fire office. This observations were noticed earlier too and hence circular regarding the same was issued vide No. MFS/2014/10/1531, dated 30th October 2014.

2. As per sub section 3 of section 3, owner or occupier, as case may be, have to furnish to the Chief Fire Officer or nominated officer, as case may, certificate in Form B regarding maintenance of fire prevention and life safety measures in good repair and efficient condition twice a year in the month of January and July.

3. On production of these certificates periodically, the question of renewal of Final Fire Safety Approval does not arise.

4. The said practice of renewal was removed from the process keeping State Government policy of Ease of Doing Business and accordingly amendment was brought out in the Maharashtra Fire Prevention & Life Safety Measures (Amendment), Act 2023 (herein after referred as "Amended Fire Act"). The section 3 of the Amended Fire Act states that the owner or occupier of any shall obtain necessary Provisional Fire Safety Approval or Final Fire Safety Approval or Renewal of Fire Safety Approval, as the case may be and in the explanation it is clarified that renewal shall only be issued if required or mandatory as per any relevant act such as Nursing Home Act, Cinematography Act etc. the portion of the extract is reproduced as below.

(a) "Renewal of Fire Safety Approval" means the renewal of a certificate issued by the Director or Chief Fire Officer of the concerned local authority or planning authority :

Provided that, renewal certificate shall be issued by the said authority, if required or mandatory as per the relevant Acts, Rules, etc.";

5. Even after this, if there is any doubt about the deviation from or the contravention of, the requirements with regard to the fire prevention and life safety measures provided or to be provided in a building or part thereof, the Director or the Chief Fire Officer or the Nominated Officer has the power to inspect the building or part thereof under section 5 of the said Act and give notice thereof to the owner or occupier to comply with the requirements noticed and mentioned in the notice to be given under section 6 of the Act.

6. In context of the above legal provisions, it is expected that the concerned authorities shall not insist for any renewal of Final Fire Safety Approval.


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