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PART II - MISCELLANEOUS NOTIFICATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,

**ANDHRA PRADESH STATE DISASTER RESPONSE  
AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

***I. Notification to include Plunger Pumps, Fire Engine Pumps etc., to  
Design "De-Centralised Fire Safety" Systems - Reg.***

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**1) The basis of power conferred on Director General, Fire Services to issue  
"No Objection Certificate" for Fire Safety:**

**As per Section 13 of A.P Fire Service Act,1999 Issue of No  
Objection Certificate:** .(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 places, which are more than 500  
Sq. Meter in plot area or 6 meters and above in height shall apply to the  
Director General or any member of the service duly authorized 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 in  
force, for a no objection certificate along with such fee as may be prescribed.

The Director General or any member of the service duly authorized by him in this behalf, shall within sixty days of receipt of such application, on being "**Satisfied**" about the provision of fire prevention and safety measures as stipulated in the [National Building Code Guidelines, as amended from time to time] or any other law for the time being in force regulating such purpose or activity, shall issue a no objection certificate with such conditions as may be considered necessary and if not so satisfied, reject the same for reasons to be recorded in writing.

## **2) The purpose of this notification:**

The purpose is to define or elaborate the word "**Satisfied**" to include "Decentralized fire safety" system using plunger pumps, Fire Engine Pumps as an alternative to Conventional "Centralized Down Comer/Wetriser" system in all types of structures/Occupancies. However, the choice is left to the managements.

## **3) The nature of the National Building Code of India:**

The National Building Code of India(NBC), promulgated by the Bureau of Indian Standards, is a comprehensive Building Code containing **guidelines** for regulating building construction activities across the country. Relevant paragraphs of the "Foreword" to the NBC are extracted hereunder:

"The Code contains regulations which can be immediately adopted or enacted for use by various departments, municipal administrations and public bodies. It lays down a set of minimum provisions designed to protect the safety of the public with regard to structural sufficiency, fire hazards and health aspects of buildings; so long as these basic requirements are met, the choice of materials and methods of design and construction are left to the ingenuity of the building professionals.

The provisions of this Code are intended to serve as a model for adoption by local bodies, Public Works Departments and other government construction departments, and other construction agencies. Existing PWD codes, municipal byelaws and other regulatory media could either be replaced by the National Building Code of India or suitably modified to cater to local requirements in accordance with the provisions of the Code. Any difficulties encountered in adoption of the Code could be brought to the notice of the National Building Code Sectional Committee for corrective action".

From the above, it is evident that NBC does not have the force of law and is **not statutory in nature**. It serves as a **Model Code** for adoption by all agencies involved in the building construction works.