

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
STATE DISASTER RESPONSE AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

From
The Director General
State Disaster Response and Fire Services
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

To
The General Manager,
Reserve Bank of India,
Issue Department,
6-1-56, Secretariat Road, Saifabad,
Hyderabad-500004.

Rc.No.101/Peshi/2024, Dt: 25-10-2024

Sir,

Sub:- A.P. State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department – General Section – Fire Safety of Currency Chests- Issuance of NOC - Regarding.

Ref:- DO.(Hyd) ID No.5260/01.01.026/2024-25, dt.18-10-2024 of The General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Issue Department, 6-1-56, Secretariat Road, Saifabad, Hyderabad.

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With reference cited above, it is to inform that, the following safety measures to be ensured for Fire Safety point of view in Currency Chests.

A) Fire Prevention:

- 1) Installation of Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs) in all Currency Chests.

Most fire accidents happen due to electrical short circuit. So, installing MCBs are aimed at preventing the origin of fire itself.

MCBs are more sensitive to current than fuse. It detects any abnormality in the current flow and automatically switches off the electric circuit.

B) Tools to Fight Fire:

- 1) Aerosol Fire Extinguishers (Presser less type) to be provided inside the Currency Chest.
 - a) Aerosol is highly effective in suppressing the fire in any closed room.
 - b) Aerosol fire suppression systems contain a solid chemical compound extinguishing agent, which disrupts the fire chemical chain reaction by removing the oxidants from the burning process. It may be used without any training and is maintenance free.
 - c) Based on volume of the Currency Chest the Aerosol extinguishers quantity should be derived.

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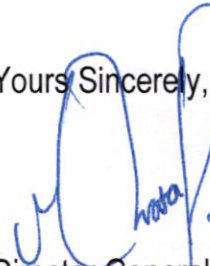
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- 2) 4.5 Kg Co₂ Fire Extinguishers are to be provided for every 100 Sqm in every Currency Chest in clearly marked, visible and accessible location.
- 3) Provide One 2 HP Plunger Pump outside the Currency Chest with electrical power and emergency power backup, connected to gravity water pipeline system or any water sump for multipurpose use to clean the premises, wash rooms and cars. Please use it on daily basis.

All the above prescriptions are very effective don't require maintenance or training to use and at the same time very affordable.

This is for information and necessary action.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. N. S.', with a date '25/10/2024' written next to it.

Director General
State Disaster Response and Fire Services
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada



भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
RESERVE BANK OF INDIA



DO. (Hyd) ID No.S 296 /01.01.026/ 2024-25

November 13, 2024

Dear Sir,

Fire Safety of Currency Chests- issuance of NOC

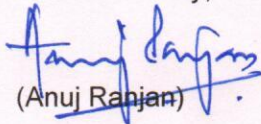
With reference to the captioned subject, we are writing to express our appreciation for the recent instructions issued by your office vide letter dated October 25, 2024, prescribing fire safety measures which require minimal maintenance, yet are effective and affordable for Currency Chests. We also appreciate the clarity accompanying these instructions, as it fosters cooperation among all stakeholders. The comprehensiveness of the directives will undoubtedly help in improving fire safety and streamline the periodical audit, as also the related compliances.

2. We are pleased to share that we have forwarded the said instructions with all the Currency Chests in Andhra Pradesh, as also the District Fire Officers, for implementation at the earliest, a copy of which has also been marked to your Office for information. We would also like to inform that we have been following up with Director General, Telangana Fire Department, Government of Telangana, for issuing instructions on similar lines.

3. We hope to see the positive changes that will emerge from these actions and look forward to working together with your Office in future, on the subject matter.

warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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