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The Secretary to Govt., Health & Medical Education. J&K, Jammu.

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Subject:

Safety audit of the Hospitals/SKIMS and other Government buildings of Kashmir Division.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a meeting on the subject was chaired by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 14-11-2013 and in the meeting it was informed by the concerned departments that most of the hospitals/buildings of Kashmir Division are not having fire safety measures.

In view of above, there is every apprehension that in case any fire incident occurs in such hospitals/Govt. buildings, there will be unbearable loss of life and property.

During the meeting it was informed by the Administrator, Associated Hospitals that Rs.60 Crores budget has been sanctioned by the Govt. for Medical College, There is no specific provision available with the College for meeting expenditure on fire safety measures etc. The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir desired that Rs.5 crores be re-appropriated out of total budget of Rs.60 crores and allocated for being utilized for purpose of fire safety measures of Associated Hospitals. The Principal, Government Medical College, Srinagar has been advised to send a proposal in this regard to Health Department for obtaining approval. Moreover, the representative of the Govt. Hospitals apprised the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir that they have submitted some proposals to Govt. for accord of sanction for making purchases of necessary fire safety equipment/appliances for these hospitals. Minutes of the meeting are enclosed for ready reference.

In view of above, It is therefore, requested to kindly attend to the matter as required in the interests of general public particularly patients in these hospitals. It has also been found pertinent to attached following documents for its formal Govt. Notification for streamlining the adoption of fire safety measures: -

- a) Fire Safety Guidelines for Hospitals and Nursing Homes.
- b) Standard Operating Procedure.
- c) General Recommendation for the electric installation in respect of Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Commissioner (C), With Divisional Commissioner, KASHMIR

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