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Sub: Installation of fire fighting equipment in the field units of ESI Corporation

On 08.12.2011 a devastating fire in a private hospital at Kolkata has claimed 73 lives. As per information available this happened due to non-availability of any arrangement of fire fighting and precautionary measures. Director General has observed the situation and expressed concern for the life and properties of the ESI Corporation in general and country as a whole and desired to review the measures adopted by different offices of the ESI Corporation including hospitals, dispensaries, etc.

It may be appreciated that in every building there must be proper fire fighting systems. It may happen at any time resulting in huge loss of human lives and properties in absence of fire fighting equipments and trained personnel. There are standard safety norms for building and all the incharges are expected to maintain the same as per the guidance of the fire services of the State.

As such, Director General desired all the Regional Directors/SSMCs/SMCs/MSs/Jt. Director i/c should review the availability of fire safety measures and update the same including training and mock drill of the personnel. A proper record of periodic checking of fire safety equipments such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinklers, hydrants etc. must be maintained. A comprehensive plan for evacuation of personnel from the building in case of disaster may be drawn up and documented/displayed. Not having adequate measures for fire fighting may render the officer responsible and action may be taken against the concerned. Hence it would be the duty of every RD/JD/i/c/SSMC/SMC/MS/Dispensary i/c to ensure safety arrangements besides taking insurance policy against fire. All the offices must display the contact number of the local fire station at all prominent places in the premises.

Action taken may urgently be informed by the return of post on the above issue and deficiencies, if any, may be made good without further delay.

This may be treated as most URGENT and IMPORTANT.

Hindi version will follow.

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