Whereas, in the absence of provisions in the existing A & N Panchayat regulation and Port Blair Municipal Council Building Bye-Laws for issuance of Fire NOC in respect of Pre-Constructonal Activity, the following directions are passed to ensure Fire / Life Safety Norms for the Buildings mentioned below:-

(i) Multistoried building having more than 15 meter height;
(ii) Special buildings like educational, institutional; assembly, business, mercantile, industrial, storage and hazardous buildings as defined in National Building Code 2016;
(iii) Mixed occupancies with any of the aforesaid occupancies having more than 500 square meters area.

Henceforth,

1. The Panchayat and the Municipal authority shall refer the building plans for **Fire NOC for Pre-Constructonal Activities** to the A & N Fire Service for obtaining clearance in respect of buildings identified as above.

2. The Panchayat and the Municipal authority shall furnish three sets of building plans having fire protection arrangements and means of access/escape for the proposed building.

3. The A & N Fire Service shall examine these plans to ensure provisions of fire safety norms and means of escape as per National Building Code 2016, BIS, relevant Acts & Rules and shall forward two sets of plans duly signed by the competent authority of Fire Service alongwith Fire NOC for Pre-Constructonal activity to the Panchayat/Municipal authority.

4. The deficient Plans shall be returned to the Panchayat/Municipal authority along with the recommendations to be incorporated in the Plan.

5. The Panchayat and the Municipal authority shall obtain clearance from A & N Fire Service for the building identified as above for granting the **Completion Certificate**.

6. The building owner/occupier who acquired post Constructonal Fire NOC from Fire Service shall submit an undertaking twice a year in the months of January and July regarding good and operational condition of fire prevention and life safety measure.

7. Any discrepancies/ Violations in the above said directions shall be informed to the concerned District Magistrate for initiating action as per Disaster Management Act, 2005.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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Assistant Secretary (Home)