

Fire and Emergency



In an attempt to minimize the breaking out of fire incidents and to save life & property where Fire incidents take place the Department of Fire & Emergency Services resort to various means like generation of massive awareness among the people, modernization of existing equipments & systems and proper enforcement & laws.

Sl No.	Details	2009	2010	2011
1.	No. of fire calls attended	7581	8202	8165
	o Major	25	29	37
	o Serious	12	05	06
	o Medium	162	86	115
2.	No. of special jobs attended including rescue jobs	2354	2401	2658
3.	No. of stand by duties attended related to Fire Safety, Fair, Mela, V.I.P. , V.V.I.P. visit etc.	755	684	1127
4.	No. of rescued			
	(a) Civilian	625	1172	1356
	(b) Animal	1003	762	903
5.	Property lost (Rs. in Cr.)	Rs.76.34	Rs.384.33	Rs.318.24
6.	Property saved (Rs. in Cr.)	Rs.197.70	Rs.163.45	Rs.469.32
7.	No. of persons trained including civilians	412	242	1079
8.	No. of fire safety recommendations issued	Not available	736	906

	During 2009 – 2010 (Rs. In lakh)	During 2011 – 2012 (Rs. In lakh)	During 2010 – 2011 (Rs. In lakh)
Fire Licence Fees received by issuing New Fire Licence as well as renewals	325.64	374.29	348.63

Licence Fees Collection increased during 2011 -2012 by 7.36 % than the last financial year 2010 – 2011.

The major policy that the Department have adopted during the year 2011-2012 are as follows :-

1. The Department have adopted the policy of inducting 2000 Civil Defence Volunteers from Civil Defence Department as Auxiliary Fire Operators for one year on contractual basis as an interim measure to cope up with the shortfall of fire operator. The Department shall pay Rs. 289/- per day and they should work for 22 days in a month. The recruitment procedure is going on.
2. The Department has adopted the policy of taking 100 nos. of Drivers from Ex-Defence personnel for one year at a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 10,000/- p.m.
3. The Department have also adopted a policy of taking 20 nos. of Asst. Mobilising Officers of West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services at a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 8000/- p.m. for one year.

4. The Department have created the following post for the Fire Prevention Wing under West Bengal Fire and Emergency Service :

- a) Director (Fire Prevention)
- b) Asstt. Engineer(Civil).
- c) Asstt. Engineer(Architectural)
- d) Asstt. Engineer (Computer Science)
- e) Sub-Asstt. Engineer (Civil)
- f) Sub-Asstt. Engineer(Architectural)
- g) P.A. TO Director(Fire Prevention).

5. The Department has adopted a policy of modernizing the Control Room of WBFES by Fleet Management System. The total cost for the purpose is Rs. 2.40 Cr.

6. The Department has procured 200 nos. of Wireless Set (Walkie Talkie). The total expenditure for the purpose is Rs. 52.60 lakh.

7. The Department have procured the following equipments from the grant under 13th Finance Commission :

- a) 15 nos. of TATA 407 Chassis.
- b) 10 nos. of Chain Saw and 20 nos. of Circular Saw.
- c) 3 nos. of Towing Vehicles Chassis from TATA motors.
- d) Fabrication of Towing Vehicles.

The proposals for procurement of the following equipment from the aid of 13th Finance Commission is under examination :

- 500 nos. of Breathing Apparatus Set
- Arial Ladder of 54 mtr. for Nabadiganta Township Authority
- Arial Ladder of 42 mtr.
- 3 nos. of Hydraulic Tools
- Portable Search Light
- Mini Size Water Tender.
- 24 nos. of Water Tender.
- 1 no. of Heavy Duty Dewatering Pump
- 10 nos. of High Pressure Breathing Compressor

8. The Department has adopted the Policy of engaging PWD as the executing agency for all Construction/ Renovation work of the Deptt.

9. It has also been decided that out of the provision of the fund of 13th Finance Commission about Rs.7.50

Cr. will be used for construction of new Fire Station as well as renovation work of old Fire Station.

10. The State Plan fund of Rs. 23.00 Cr. will be used for ongoing scheme.

11. The Department has also taken up a policy to give Top Priority for construction of new buildings for those existing Fire Stations which are still functioning in rented houses.

12. The Deptt. has taken up the scheme for revival of the Kalyani Fire Services Academy with a view to impart effective and professional training to the fire operators and other officials of the Dte.

13. An expert Committee has been set up comprising officers of the F&ES Dte., Engineers of the PWD and officers of the Finance Deptt. for surveillance of Writers' Buildings with respect to fire safety.

14. A Fire Safety Audit Committee has been formed taking experts from different fields to monitor whether the high rise buildings and public places are following the fire safety norms. The said committee has inspected around 40 hospitals and have identified deviations from fire safety norms. The committee formulated fire safety guidelines for hospitals and nursing homes which have been widely circulated. It is reported by the Committee that review of 16 (sixteen) hospitals out of 40 is complete on the basis of the recommendation made by them.

15. A committee has been constituted for revision of the existing West Bengal Fire Service Act, 1950 and rules thereunder. The said Committee shall frame separate sets of rules for existing and New Buildings (like Multi storied buildings, hospitals, commercial complexes, shopping mall etc. which normally have large public gathering and are vulnerable to fire).

16. In the backdrop of the recent fire incidents in and around Kolkata, as per the instruction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Deptt. have taken up to set up seven new fire stations namely : (1) Strand Road, (2) Parama Island (near EM Bypass), (3) Jadavpur University Campus, (4) Taratala, (5) Garia, (6) Rajabazar & (7) Khidirpore / Hastings in and around the KMDA area. Besides this, a new fire station has been planned to be set up at Kakdwip, Dist.-South 24 Parganas in view of the huge accumulation of devotees & VIPs during the Sagar Mela which is held in Ganga Sagar every year.

17. During her visit to the W.B.F&E.S. Dte. the Hon'ble Chief Minister had instructed to dispose of the

condemned vehicles, which had not been done for a pretty long time. In compliance to that, the Dte. has taken up the matter and 91 (ninety one) nos. of condemned vehicles/ appliances where e-auctioned. We have collected Rs. 97,99,005/- as a result of the auction.

18. Meeting of Standing Fire Advisory Council : After a gap of 50 years this year the 33rd Meeting of the Standing Fire Advisory Council, Ministry of Home Affairs is an Apex body meant for advising the Government on various issues relating fire services was held at Kolkata in July. As much as 70 delegates from various parts of the Country took part on the Conference.
19. Awareness Programme- This Department has initiated a proposal of awrnness programme among the public through Print Media/Electronic Media /Hoardings.
20. 3 new Fire Stations namely at Bhadreswar in the district of Hooghly, Haldibari in Coochbehar and Gobardanga in the district of North 24-Pargans has been completed, Kakdwip fire station Land identified and construction new fire stations at Khatra of Bankura 7 Jhalda of Purulia are going on.
21. Introduction of Disaster Management Course: This is the first time in the West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services that a course on Disaster Management has been introduced in Institute of Fire Service at Behala and a good number of personnel/officer has been taken such opportunity of training.
22. Procurement of fire Equipment and Appliances: The Department incurred an expenditure of Rs. 2. 23 crore for procurement of Machine & Equipments viz. 1 (one) unit of Hydraulic Platform of 30 Metr height, 40 Nos of Trussed Type 10.5 Metr Fire Ladder, 10 (ten) nos of High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor Unit for refilling of B.A Set Cylinders

