

## Fire Force Act, 1964

### Chapter III - Powers of the State Government, the Director and Members of the Force

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The State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make such regulations as it thinks fit,--

- (a) for providing the Force with such of water and for equipments as it deems proper;
  - (b) for providing adequate supply of water and for securing that it shall be available for use;
  - (c) for constructing or providing stations or hiring places for accommodating the members of the Force and its fire-fighting appliances;
  - (d) for giving rewards to persons who have given notice of fires and to those who have rendered effective service to the Force on the occurrence of fires;
  - (e) for the training, discipline and good conduct of the members of the Force;
  - (f) for the speedy attendance of members of the Force with necessary appliances and equipment on the occasion of any alarm of fire;
  - (g) for sending members of the Force with appliances and equipment beyond the limits of any area in which this Act is in force for purpose of fire fighting in the neighborhood of such limits;
  - (h) for the employment of the members of the Force in any rescue, salvage or other similar work;
  - (i) for regulating and controlling the powers, duties and functions of the Director; and
  - (j) generally for the maintenance of the Force in a due state of efficiency.
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#### Section 10 - Powers of members of the Force on occurrence of fire

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On the occurrence of fire in any area in which this Act is in force, any member of the Force who is in charge of fire-fighting operations on the spot may--

- (a) remove, or order any other member of the Force to remove any person who by his presence interferes with or impedes the operation for extinguishing the fire or for saving life or property;
- (b) close any street or passage in or near which a fire is burning;
- (c) for the purpose of extinguishing fire, break into or break through or pull down, any premises for the passage of hose or appliances or cause them to be broken into or broken through or pulled down, doing as little damage as possible;
- (d) require the authority in charge of water supply in the area to regulate the water mains so as to provide water at a specified pressure at the place where fire has broken out and utilise the water of any stream, cistern, well or tank or of any available source of water, public or private, for the purpose of extinguishing or limiting the spread of such fire;
- (e) exercise the same powers for dispersing an assembly of persons likely to obstruct the fire-fighting operations as if he were an officer-in-charge of a police station and as if such an assembly were an unlawful assembly and shall be entitled to the same immunities and protection as such an officer, in respect of the exercise of such powers;

(f) generally take such measures as may appear to him to be necessary for extinguishing the fire or for the protection of life or property.

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### **Section 11 - Power of Director to make arrangements for supply of water**

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The Director may, with the previous sanction of the State Government, enter into an agreement with the authority in charge of water supply in any area for securing an adequate supply of water in case of fire, on such terms as to payment or otherwise as may be specified in the agreement.

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### **Section 12 - Power of Director to enter into arrangements for assistance**

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The Director may, with the previous sanction of the State Government, enter into arrangements with any person who employs and maintains personnel or equipment or both for fire-fighting purposes, to secure, on such terms as to payment or otherwise as may be provided by or under the arrangements, the provisions by that person of assistance for the purpose of dealing with fires occurring in any area in which this Act is in force.

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### **Section 13 - Preventive measures**

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(1) The State Government may by notification in the official Gazette, require owners or occupiers of premises in any area or any class of premises used for purposes which in its opinion are likely to cause a risk of fire, to take such precautions as may be specified in such notification.

(2) Where a notification has been issued under sub-section (1), it shall be lawful for the Director or any officer of the Force authorised by the State Government in this behalf to direct the removal of objects or goods likely to cause a risk of fire, to a place of safety; and on failure of the owner or occupier to do so, the Director or such officer may, after giving the owner or occupier a reasonable opportunity of making representation, seize, detain or remove such objects or goods.

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