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From:

The Director
Fire Prevention Wing,
West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services.

To:

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PLOT NO:- R.S 128(P),L.R-416,MOUZA-DABGRAM,JL. NO: 2,SHEET NO-R.S.-5,L.R-4,KHAITAN NO-R.S 282/1,L.R-116-117.,P.S-BHAKTINAGAR,DIST- JALPAIGURI Jalpaiguri F.S., Bhaktinnagar, Jalpaiguri - 734008.

Sub: Fire Safety Recommendation for proposed construction of B+G+VI storied under group Mercantile Building at Plot No:- R.S 128(P), L.R-416, Mouza-Dabgram, JL. No. 2, Sheet No-R.S.-5, L.R-4, Khaitan no-R.S 282/1, L.R-1116-1117., Paragana: Baikunthapur, P.S-Bhaktinagar, Dist.- Jalpaiguri, Ward No. 42 under SMC.

This is in reference to your Application No. IND/WB/FES/20192020/70179, regarding the Fire Safety Measure for proposed construction of B+G+VI storied under group Mercantile Building at Plot No:- R.S 128(P), L.R-416, Mouza-Dabgram, JL. No. 2, Sheet No- R.S.-5, L.R-4, Khaitan no-R.S 282/1, L.R-1116-1117., Paragana: Baikunthapur, P.S.Bhaktinagar, Dist.-Jalpaiguri, Ward No. 42 under SMC.

The plan submitted by you was scrutinized and marked as found necessary from Fire Safety point of view. In returning one set of plan with recommendation, this is issuing Fire Safety Recommendation in favour of the aforesaid building subject to the compliance of the following fire safety measure.

Recommendation:

1. A.CONSTRUCTION:

- 1. The whole construction of the proposed building shall be carried out as per approved plan drawings conforming the relevant building rules of local Municipal Body.
- 2. The interior finish decoration of the building shall be made of low flame spread materials conforming to I.S. specifications.
- 3. Provision of ventilation at the crown of the central core-duct of the building shall be provided.
- 4.Arrangements shall have to be made for sealing all the vertical & horizontal ducts by the materials of adequate Fire resisting capacity & the doors of service ducts / shafts of 2hr. Fire rating.

#### **B.OPEN SPACE & APPROACH:**

- 1. The open spaces surrounding the building shall conform the relevant building rules as well as permit the accessibility and maneuverability of Fire Appliances with turning facility.
- 2. The approach road shall be sufficiently strong to withstand the load of Fire Engine weighting up to 45 M.T.
- 3. The width and height of the access gates into the premises shall not be less than 4.5 and 5 M respecting abutting the road.

#### C.STAIRCASE:

- 1. The staircase of the building shall be enclosed type. Entire construction shall be made of bricks / RCC type having Fire Resisting Capacity not less than 4 hours.
- 2. The staircase of the building shall have permanent vents at the top and open able sashes at each floor level in the external wall of the building.
- 3. The width of the Staircase shall be made as shown in the plan. Corridors and the exit doors shall conforming the relevant building rules.
- 4.Fire & Smoke doors at the entrance of staircase enclosures as shown / marked in the plan at each floor level shall be provided. The F.C.D. shall be of the least two hour Fire resisting Wire Glass Window fitted with self closing type openable in the direction of escape.

D.LIFT:

- 1. The walls of the lifts enclosure shall be at least two hours Fire Resisting type.
- 2. Collapsible gate shall not be permitted.
- 3.In case of failure of normal electric supply, it shall automatically trip of alternate supply and also shall have manually operated change over facility. Alternatively, the lift shall be so wired that in case of power failure, it comes down at ground level stands still with door open.
- 4.All the lifts of the building shall be designed as high speed "FIRE LIFT" and shall be conspicuously indicated / marked.

#### **E.BASEMENT:**

- 1. The Basement shall be adequately ventilated.
- 2. Auto Mechanical Extractor for smoke venting arrangements shall be provided in the basement conforming the relevant I.S. Specification and provision of NBC Part IV, 2016.
- 3. The entire basement shall be protected with automatic sprinkler system, auto detection system, Hydrants / Hose Reel Hose along with necessary fire safety measures conforming relevant I.S. specification.
- 4. Auto Mechanical extractors shall have provision of an alternative source of supply.
- 5.Mechanical extractor shall have an internal locking arrangement so that extracting shall continue to operate and supply fans shall stop automatically with the actuation of Fire Detectors.

#### F.FIRE FIGHTING WATER:

Under Ground Water Reservoir of 100,000 ltrs and Over Head Water Reservoir of Ltrs capacity exclusively for Fire Fighting purpose with replenishing arrangements @1000 Itrs/min. preferably from two different sources of water shall be provided. The water shall be provided. The water shall be provided. reservoirs shall have overflow arrangement with the domestic water reservoir as well as to prevent stagnancy of water. The water reservoirs shall be kept full at all time.

#### G.WATER LAYOUT SYSTEM:

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1The building shall be provided with separate Wet Risers for sprinkler & hydrant of 150 mm. internal diameter Pipe Line each with provision of landing valves at the Staircase landings / half landings at the rate of one such riser for 1000 Sq. m. of floor area. The system shall be so designed that shall be kept charged with Water all the time under pressure and capable to discharge 2850 lts/min. at the ground floor level outlet and minimum 900 lts/min. at the top

most and farthest outlet. In both cases the running pressure shall not be less than 3.5 Kgs/Sq.cm. All other requirements shall be conforming I.S. 3844 – 1989.

2Provision for Hose Reel units in conjunction with Wet Riser shall be made near each landing valves.

3Yard Hydrant with provision of adequate numbers Hydrant with one number fire service inlet shall be installed surrounding the building in accordance with relevant I.S. specifications.

#### H.FIRE PUMP:

- 1.Provision of the Fire Pump shall have to be made to supply water at the rate-designed pressure and discharge into the Water based system, which shall be installed in the building. One such pump shall always be kept on stand-by preferably be of diesel driven type.
- 2.Provision of separate pump for sprinkler system to be made to keep the Water based system under pressurized condition at all the time and shall be installed.
- 3.Provision of Jockey Pump shall also have to be made to keep the Water based system under pressurized condition at all the time. All the pumps shall be incorporated with both manual and auto starting facilities. The suction of pumps shall preferably of positive type or in case of negative suction the system shall be wet riser-cum-down comer with suitable terrace pump with overhead tank.

#### I.Sprinkler Installation:

The automatic Sprinkler installation shall be provided in all floor area of the building including basement and alarm gang to be incorporated along with the sprinkler system. Sprinkler test line shall have to be provided.

#### J.ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION & DISTRIBUTION:

- 1. The electrical installation including transformers, Switch Gears, Main & Meters etc. and the distribution system of the premises shall be made satisfying the code of practice for Fire safety in general building as laid down in I.S. specification 1946 1982.
- 2. Electrical distribution system shall conform all the requirements as laid in I. S. 1646-1982.
- 3. The electrical installation shall be adequately protected with automatic CO2/D.C.P.

4.All electrical installation viz. Transformer Switch Gear L. T., H. T. rooms shall be protected with both auto detection and suppression systems as per suitability.

#### 5. Alternative Power Supply:

Arrangements shall have to be made to supply power with the help of a generator to operate at least the Fire Pump, Pump for deep Tube-well, Fire Alarm System, etc. and also for illuminating the Staircase, corridors etc. and other places of assembly of the building incase of normal power failure.

#### K.INTELLIGENCE ANALOGUE SYSTEM:

- 1.Auto Fire Alarm System with analogue addressable smoke / heat detectors as per suitability shall be installed in all floor area of the building.
- 2.Addressable analogue manual call boxes incorporating with sounders shall be installed in all floors area of the building in such a manner that maximum travel distance shall not be more than 22.5 m in order to reach any of the call point.

3.Both way public address systems & talk back systems linked between all floors and Control Room. Shall have to be established.

4.All the installations shall also be satisfy the I.S. specifications 2189 (as amended) and the code of practice as laid down in the N.B.C. Part-IV-2016

5.C. C. Camera & Public Address System:- Public address system linked between all floors and Fire Control Room shall have to be established. Fire Control Room: i. A well designed Fire Control Room with C.C.T.V. and Fire Control Panel and monitoring 24X7. Preparation of Emergency Evacuation: ii. There is need to have a clear policy and proper implementation of emergency evacuation measures.

## L.AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM (IF ANY):

- 1.The A.H.U. shall be separated for each floor with the system Air Ducts for individual floors.
- 2.Arrangement shall be made for isolation at the strategic locations by incorporating auto dampers in the Air Conditioning system.
- 3. The system of auto shut down of A.H.U. shall be incorporated with the auto detection and alarm system.

- 4. The air handling units room shall not be used for storage of any combustible materials.
- 5. Escape route like staircase, common corridors, lift lobby etc. shall not be used as return air passage.
- 6. Wherever the ducts pass through Fire wall of floors, the opening a rounding the ducts shall be sealed with Fire resisting materials such as asbestos rope vermiculite concrete etc.
- 7. The metallic ducts shall be used even for the return air instead of space above the false ceiling.
- 8. The materials used for insulating the duct system (inside or outside) shall be of noncombustible materials glass wool shall not be wrapped or secured by any materials of combustible nature.
- 9. Air duct services main floor area, corridors etc. shall not pass through the staircase enclosures.
- 10. The air handling units shall be separation for each floor, and air ducts for every floor shall be separated and in no way interconnected with the ducting of any other floor.
- 11. If the air handling units serve more than 1 floor, the recommendation given above shall be complied with in addition to the conditions given below:- a. Proper arrangements by way of automatic Fire dampers working on fuse able link for isolating all ducting at every floor from the main riser shall be made. b. When the automatic Fire alarm operates the respective air handling units of the air conditioning system shall automatically switched off.
- 12. The vertical shaft for treated fresh air shall be of masonry construction
- 13. The air filters for air handling units shall be of non-combustible materials.
- 14. Inspection panel shall be provided in the main trucking to facility the cleaning of ducts of accumulated dust and to obtain access for maintenance of fire dampers.
- 15.No combustible materials shall be fixed nearer than 15cm to any duct unless such duct properly enclosed and protected with non-combustible materials (glass wool or Spun wool with neoprene facing enclosed and wrapped with aluminum sheeting) at least 3.2m thick. And which would not readily conduct heat.

# M.FIRSTAID FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM:

First Aid firefighting arrangement in the style of placing suitable type of portable Fire Extinguishers, Fire buckets etc. in all floors, Gas Bank and vulnerable locations of the premises shall be made in accordance with I.S. 2190-92.

## N.GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Fire License shall have to be obtained for storing and processing with L.P.G. and other highly combustible articles.
- 2. Disposable type B. A. Musk to be kept always for emergency fire situation.
- 3. Fire Notice for Fire Fighting and evacuation from the building shall be prepared and be displayed at all vulnerable places of the building.
- 4. Floor numbers and directional sign of escape route shall be displayed prominently.
- 5. The occupancy and security staff shall be conversant with installed Fire Fighting equipments of the building and to operate in the event of Fire and Testing.
- 6.Arrangement shall be made for regular checking, testing and proper maintenance of all the Fire Safety installation and equipments installed in the building to keep them in perfectly good working conditions at all times.

7.A crew of trained Fireman under an experienced officer shall be maintained round the clock for safety of the building.

- 8. Mock Fire practice and evacuation drill shall be performed periodically with participation of all occupants of building.
- 9. The certificate has to be obtained from the Director General, West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services certifying about the satisfactory services, performance of all the Life and Fire Safety arrangements and installation of the building.

On compliance of all the above Fire and Life safety recommendations, the Director General, West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services shall be approached for necessary inspection and testing of the installation, Fire Safety Certificate in favour of the occupancy shall be issued on being satisfied with the tests and performances of safety aspects of installation of the building.

N.B. : Any deviation and changes the nature of use of the building in respect of the approved plan drawings, without obtaining prior permission from this office, this Fire Safety Recommendation will be treated as cancelled.

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