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MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE SAFETY FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND PANDAL.

The minimum standards for fire prevention and fire safety for Pandal for the purpose of Section 16 of the Act, shall be in accordance with National Building Code of India 2016 relating to the following matters:-

- (a) Access to pandal
- (b) Open space around the pandal.
- (c) Distance from medium and high voltage electrical wires and hazardous installations.
- (d) Means of exits.
- (e) Material of construction.
- (f) First-aid fire fighting arrangements.
- (g) Water Storage for fire fighting.
- (h) Electrical Wiring.
- (i) Availability of trained fire fighting staff.

CONDITIONS FOR ACCORDING PERMISSION FOR ERECTING STRUCTURE OR PANDAL:

- (i) The Director or any such authorized officer shall issue fire safety certificate for erecting structure or pandal subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:
- (a) there must be a minimum of 20 feet clear open space from fencing or boundary wall or any other permanent structure.
- (b) No structure or pandal shall be erected beneath any live electrical lines or adjacent to electrical transformers or hazardous installations.
- (c) Such structure or pandal shall be made of non-combustible materials such as Corrugated Galvanised Iron, Aluminium, or asbestos Sheet, flame proof tarpaulin, fire retardant heavy type synthetic tarpaulins, conventional tarpaulin, treated with fire retardant paint.

Provided that the combustible materials such as clothes, canvas, hessian, may be used for ordinary for decorative purposes, after such combustible materials are dipped into fire retardant solution which is a mixture of the following substances and subsequently such wet materials shall be wrung out and dried before use.

(i)		Ammonium Sulphate –	4 (four) parts by mass.
(ii)	1	Borax -	1 (one) part by mass.
(iii)		Ammonium Carbonate -	2 (two) part by mass
(iv)	-	Boric Acid-	1(one) part by mass.
(v)		Alum-	2(two) part by mass.
(vi)		Water -	35 (thirty five) part by mass.

Provided further, that all types of wood including plywood, used for decoration of such structures or pandal shall be painted with fire retardant paint conforming to IS specifications.

Provided further that the Director or such authorized officer may reserve the right to test the effectiveness of the treatment or any other materials used in the structure at any time before or during the function.