

1. PARTICULARS OF ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES:

(a) Brief History of establishment of the Public Authority:

Till 1984, the Fire Services in the U.T. of Goa, Daman and Diu functioned as part of the Police Department. There were only 4 Fire Stations under the supervision of a Station Fire Officer. The situation was reviewed and on 21st January 1984, a separate Department was created for Fire Service. It was later renamed as the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services.

The Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services constituted under the Goa, Daman & Diu Fire Force Act 1986 is headed by the Director with its Headquarters and Logistic Centre at Panaji. Besides fulfilling the main objectives of fire prevention, fire protection, firefighting and rescue, the department generally attends people in distress. Over the years, it has attained a multi-dimensional role in saving and protecting life and property of the people with its activities in fire prevention, fire protection, fire suppression and training. The department is being developed to provide effective fire and emergency cover to the people and property in the State. The approved strength of the Goa Fire and Emergency Services is 1106 including Officers and administrative staff. It provides round the clock services with the set up of 16 Fire Stations located in the township of the respective local Bodies/Municipalities viz; Panaji, Vasco, Mapusa, Pernem, Pilerne, Porvorim, Ponda, Kundaim, Old-Goa, Bicholim, Valpoi, Margao, Verna, Curchorem, Cuncolim and Canacona. There is also 1 Logistic Centre at Fire Force Headquarters, Panaji continues to serve the State.

The Department has decentralized the administrative work into three Zones viz; South Zone, Central Zone and North Zone. The Deputy Director(Fire) has been declared as Head of Office and the Divisional Officer (South Zone) and Asst. Divisional Officer (Central Zone) has been declared as a Drawing and Disbursing Officer for South Zone and Central Zone respectively. The operational control of South Zone, Central Zone and North Zone are under the control of Dy. Director (Fire) and Divisional Officer(North Zone) respectively. The Fire Stations under the Jurisdiction of South Zone, Central Zone and North Zone are as below:-

Deputy Director (Fire Service), South Zone, Margao	Having jurisdiction over Fire Station Margao, Curchorem, Canacona Cuncolim and Verna
Deputy Director(Fire Service), Central Zone, Ponda.	Having jurisdiction over Fire Station Ponda, Valpoi, Bicholim, Kundaim and Old-Goa
Divisional Officer, North Zone, Panaji	Having jurisdiction over Fire Station Pernem, Mapusa, Pilerne, Porvorim, Panaji and Vasco.

Each Fire Station is headed by one Station Fire Officer/Officer-In-charge. The Officer and Fire Personnel on duty at the respective Fire Station will be the first responder for all types of Fire/Emergencies which include Natural and Man-Made Disasters.

The Administrative and Accounts section of the department are supervised by the Dy. Director (Admn.)/Head of Office and Assistant Accounts Officer/Drawing and Disbursing Officer. The overall control of the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services is vested with the Director, Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services.

(b) Objectives of the Department:

1. To prevent and suppress fires by rendering prompt and efficient services, so as to keep the loss of life and property to the minimum.
2. To conduct fire safety inspection in hazardous occupancies and to impart training in Fire Prevention, Fire Fighting and Fire Protection and advise managements so as to reduce risk by fire.
3. To implement fire safety regulatory measures under the Fire Force Act and Rules for Uses of Places and Trades for the purpose involving risk from fires.
4. To prevent loss of life and property from fire and non-fire emergencies like highway motor accidents, building collapse, landslides, still water rescue, Industrial, spillage interalia toxic release, and to render humanitarian services and special services during Natural and Manmade disasters.
5. To provide standby protection at large gatherings and important public and private functions.
6. As a Regional Training Centre of Government of India imparts training to Fire Professionals at national level.

(c) Vision/ Mission Statement of the Public Authority.

Vision:

To raise the level of Prevention and Preparedness so as to minimize loss of life and property in the State from fire and non-fire emergencies and to inculcate safety consciousness among the general public.

Mission:

Enhancing the capacity in terms of men and materials to be able to realize the Vision. Develop Fire and Emergency Service as a Service Provider for reaching help to the people in distress, for all hazard purpose. Ensuring community safety and to enrich the members of the profession through training and education for preventing and mitigating the Fire loss to facilitate improve public safety.