

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Cinemas – Andhra Pradesh Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1970 – Amendment –
Orders - Notified.

HOME (GENERAL.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 46.

Dated: 10-03-2006.

Read the following:-

1. From D.G.F.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No. 2652/B1/2004, dt. 17-3-2005.
2. From the Chief Electrical Inspector, Govt., A.P.,Hyd.,
Lr.No. CEIG/APCR/Amd/555/2006, dt. 22-2-2006.
3. G.O. Ms.No. 86, M.A. & U.D. (M) Deptt., dated 3-3-2006.

ORDER:

As per the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1970 the Chief Electrical Inspector has to certify Electrical and Fire safety in the buildings used for cinematography exhibition. The Andhra Pradesh Fire and Emergency Services Department is functioning to look into the aspects of the fire safety such as adequate exit requirements, fixed fire fighting installations and evaluation of access of fire vehicles into the cinema hall premises during the time of emergency for conducting fire fighting and rescue operations. Government, therefore decided to bring amendments to the existing rules, so as to associate the authorities of Fire Service Department in the process of granting No Objection Certificate and licence to cinema theatres to ensure fire safety measures.

2. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated 10-03-2006.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of powers conferred by section 6 and sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1955 (Act 4 of 1955), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1970 issued in G.O. Ms. No. 1273, Home (Endowments.II) Department, dated 14th August, 1970 of Part-II of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated the 27th August, 1970 and as amended from time to time.

- A. 1. In Rule 2(1)(j) of Andhra Pradesh Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1970 after the words “Health Officer” the following words shall be inserted, namely:

“Officer not below the rank of Assistant Divisional Fire Officer”.

2. After clause (q) under sub-rule 1 of rule 2 of the rules, new clause (r) shall be inserted, namely:

“ (r) ‘Multiplex Complex’ means an entertainment cum cultural center including Cinema Halls, Theatres, Food Courts, Restaurants and Shops”

- B. In the 3rd and 4th provisos under Rule 6, after the words “Electrical Inspector”, the following words shall be inserted, namely:
“Officer not below the rank of Assistant Divisional Fire Officer”
- C. In Clause (b) under sub-rule (1) of Rule 8-B after the words “Health Officer” the following words shall be inserted, namely:
“Officer not below the rank of Assistant Divisional Fire Officer”
- D. 1. In Explanation (3) under sub-rule 2 Rule 9-A the following sentence shall be added:
“Exit provisions in case of Fire shall comply with requirements as prescribed in Common Building Rules, 2006.”
2. In Rule 9-A after sub rule (2) the following sub-rule (3) shall be added :
“(3) Drawings and data submitted should show compliance with applicable clauses of exit, Fire prevention and safety measures as prescribed in Common Buildings Rules,2006.”
- E. 1. In clause (b) under sub-rule 1 of Rule 9-B after the words “Electrical Inspector” the following words shall be inserted namely:
“Officer not below the rank of Assistant Divisional Fire Officer”
2. In the second proviso under clause (c) under sub-rule 1 of Rule 9-B after the words “deemed that the permission applied for has been granted ” the following sentence shall be added namely;
“This does not absolve the owner of his responsibility to comply with applicable rules”.
- F. In Clause (c) under Rule 11- A after item(ii) the following shall be added:
“ (iii) Certificate from Director General of Fire Services that necessary Fire Safety requirements as per applicable rules have been fulfilled.”
- G. In clause (a) of sub-rule (4) under Rule 17 the following sentence shall be added:
“The aspect of Fire Safety and Fire Extinguishing appliances shall be inspected when first erected and there after atleast once in every year in order to ensure that, they are maintained and are functioning in accordance

with these rules by an officer not below the rank of Assistant Divisional Fire Officer”

- H. 1. In sub para (1) under para 3 of Appendix-I Clauses (b), (c) and (d) shall be substituted with the following :

“(b) Open Spaces to be left on remaining sides:

The open space to be left on the remaining sides excepting the road frontage or front setback in case of cinema theaters or multiplexes shall be as follows:

Height of building	Minimum abuttal road width required (in metres)	Minimum around open space on remaining sides other than front setback (in metres)
(1)	(2)	(3)
Up to 21 mt.	12.2	7
Above 21 Mt. & upto 24 m	12.2	8
Above 24 m & upto 27 m	18	9
Above 27 m & upto 30 m	18	10

- (c) In case of twin cinema theatres or two or more blocks in a site the space between the two theaters/blocks shall be as given in Column (3) of the above table.
- (d) The minimum site area for cinema theater shall be 2000 sq.m and 3000 sq m for a Multiplex Complex.
- (e) The Parking requirements shall be as follows:

Type of Building	Parking area to be provided as percentage of total built up area	
	In Municipal Corporation Area	In Municipalities and regions of Development Authorities and other areas
Multiplex Complexes	60%	50%
Cinema Theaters	40%	30%

The Parking spaces shall be provided in:

- (i) basements or cellars or
- (ii) on stilt floor or
- (iii) In the open space over and above setbacks (except the front setback) to be left around the building with

adequate vehicular access, aisle, drives, ramps required for maneuvering of vehicles.

(f) suitable means of entrance and exit which shall not be less than 5 metres in width and 2.5 metres in height for use of the public and to access of fire fighting vehicles in the road frontage.

2. In sub para (2) of para 3 the following words shall be added:

“In the open space all around the building a minimum width of 6 Metres shall be hard surfaced to be capable of providing access to 18 Ton Fire Engine and this width of 6 Meters shall be always maintained free of any parking or any obstruction upto a height of 4.5 Meters”

3. In para 6 after sub-paragraph (4), the following sub para (5) shall be added;

“(5) Air conditioning and ventilation systems should minimize the danger of spread of fire, smoke or fumes from one floor of Fire area to another or from outside into any occupied building or structure.

4. In para 8 after sub para (3), the following sub para (4) shall be added:

“(4) Adequate means of ventilation should be provided in all paths of egress with stipulated measures to prevent ingress of smoke or fumes.

5. In Clause (a) of sub para (2) of para 10 of the Appendix-I the following words shall be added:

“and internal stair cases shall be completely enclosed to prevent ingress of smoke as per prescribed rules.

6. Clause (k) under sub-para (2) of para 10 of Appendix-I of said Rules shall be substituted with the following:

“(k) there shall be minimum one external Stair case of 1.50 Meters width and one internal stair case of 2.0 Metres width for every 30 Meters of travel distance to provide access to any gallery or upper floor and such stair cases shall be placed at the ends remote from each other.”

7. After Clause (l) under sub-para (2) of para 10 the following clause shall be added:

“(m) The exit requirements in a Cinema Theatre should satisfy the requirements prescribed under Common Buildings Rules”.

8. Existing para 18 under Appendix-I of the said Rules shall be substituted with the following:

“18. Hydrants or Storage tanks, Alarm systems etc.:-

The following minimum requirements for Fire Fighting installations shall be provided:

- a) For buildings less than 18 Meters in height:
 - i) Hose Reel.
 - ii) Wet Riser (for two storied and above).
 - iii) Down Comer (if seating capacity exceeds 1000 persons).
 - iv) Automatic sprinkler system (in case seating capacity is 1000 persons minimum or covered area is above 1500 Sq.Metres or where the basement area is 200 Sq.Metres and more)
 - v) Automatic Detection and Alarm system (Wherever sprinklers are not installed).
 - vi) Underground static water storage tank of 50,000 Litres capacity.
 - vii) Terrace Level water storage tank (500 Litres capacity for Hose Reel, 10,000 Litres capacity for Down corner and where the basement area is 200 Sq.Metres and more)
 - viii) Fire Pumps capacities (One electrical pump and one Diesel pump of capacity 1620 Litres/Minute and one Electrical Pump of capacity 180 Litres/Minute).
 - ix) Fire pump at Terrace Level: an Electrical or Diesel pump of 450 Litres/Minute capacity for Hose Reel, 900 Litres/Minute pump in case of down Comer and 1620 Litres/Minute capacity pump in case of Sprinkler system.
- (b) For Buildings of 18 Metres height and above but not exceeding 30 Metres height:
 - i) Hose Reel.
 - ii) Wet Riser.
 - iii) Yard Hydrants.
 - iv) Automatic Sprinkler System (in case seating capacity is 1000 persons minimum or covered area is above 1500 Sq. Metres or if basement area is 200 Sq. Metres and more).
 - v) Manually operated Electrical Fire Alarm System
 - vi) Automatic detection and Alarm system
 - vii) Underground Water static Water Storage tank (One lakh Litres capacity).

- viii) Terrace level overhead tank (10,000 Litres where the basement Area is 200 Sq.m. and more)
- ix) Fire pumps and capacities: One Electrical and One Diesel Pump for 2850 Litres/ Minute capacity and one Electrical pump of 180 Litres per minute capacity.”

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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