

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5045
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.3.2018**

FIRE FIGHTING DEVICES IN KVs/NVs

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fire fighting devices are not available in each Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to State Governments to take immediate steps to provide adequate fire safety measures in all schools/colleges/universities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) to (e): Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) have informed that fire safety devices are available in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. Consequent upon formulation of school safety guidelines by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), instructions have been issued to all State/UTs for ensuring strict adherence and compliance with these guidelines, in all the schools functioning in the State/UTs. Similar instructions have been issued to the KVS, NVS and Central Board of Secondary Education for taking necessary action for adherence and compliance by all schools under their control. These guidelines envisage that fire prevention and fire safety measures should be part of initial school design and also require regular maintenance and testing. The University Grants Commission has also framed guidelines on safety of students, on and off the campuses of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). Under these guidelines, the HEIs should install a fire safety system under which mechanisms for the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire and standard operating procedures for control of the fire are evolved. Students and staff should be trained in the effective operation of fire fighting devices. Mock drills for fire situation should also be undertaken at least once in a semester.
