



**DIRECTORATE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE,
ODISHA**

FIRE SERVICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 1/2023 Dtd. 16.2.2023

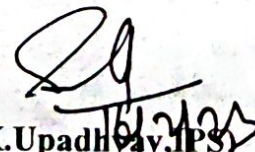
Sub: Odisha Fire Service(Amendment) Act, 2022.

Existing Fire Service Act, 1993 has been amended on 19th January, 2023 with enactment of Odisha Fire Service (Amendment) Act, 2022. The salient features as amended are highlighted for reference of all field functionaries.

1. Henceforth, "Odisha Fire Service" will be known as "Odisha Fire and Emergency Service". Accordingly all correspondences should be used by all field functionaries.
2. "Emergency Service" includes any service provided for, or connected with, prevention of any danger or threat of any disaster and to mitigate any serious situation or occurrence of such disasters by providing immediate rescue, restoration and relief,".
3. Section 17 has been amended with enhanced punishment of imprisonment up to 3 months or with fine up to three lakh rupees or with both.
4. Similarly, the punishment U/S 19 has been enhanced.
5. Introduction of Section 19A regarding penal action against owner/ occupier for failing to appoint a Fire Safety Supervisor.
6. Section 19B specifies that any offence committed under sections 15 to 19 or any rule under the Act can be compounded by such officer and on payment of such amount. There has been provision under section 19B as to which offences cannot be compounded.
7. Section 19C has prescribed the penal provision against offence committed by Companies.
8. Section 19D and 19E have specified that Courts can only take cognizance under this Act only on the basis of complaint made by the Director General / authorized officer before the Court of J.M.F.C.
9. Provision for appeals has been introduced under section 19F against the orders/notices passed by any Fire Service Officer, to the Appellate Authority and the 2nd Appellate Authority as the case may be.

All officers of Odisha Fire and Emergency Service are advised to go through the Odisha Fire Service (Amendment) Act,2022(uploaded in our Website) along with Odisha Fire Service Act, 1993 and Odisha Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Rules,2017 , 2019 and other notifications issued by Government from various Departments.


Receipt of the above circular may be acknowledged by all concerned and ensure that these instructions are explained to all staff under your jurisdiction.


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Odisha, Cuttack.

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- i) Copy to D.I.G. of Police, Fire and Emergency Service and Home Guards, Odisha, Cuttack for information and necessary action.
- ii) Copy to I/C Chief Fire Officer (SAG) (FPW) Directorate of F&ES, Odisha, Cuttack/ I/C Chief Fire Officer, Odisha, Cuttack/ All Range Fire Officers, Odisha/ Fire Officer (Principal), OFDRA, Bhubaneswar / Fire Officer (Principal), OFDRI, Naraj, Cuttack/ Fire Officer (Principal), OSWALI, Ramchandi, Puri/ all Deputy Fire Officers, Odisha/ Asst. Fire Officers and Station Officers of all Fire Stations, Odisha for information and necessary follow up action.


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