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Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat Acts

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN HOUSING DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 23rd October, 2026

GUJARAT FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY MEASURES ACT, 2013.

No.GH/V/198 of 2026/UDUHD/TGP/e-file/18/2023/10537/L1: WHEREAS the Government of Gujarat is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action to make rules and to dispense with the previous publication thereof under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 57 of the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Act, 2013 (Guj. 11 of 2013);

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 57 of the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Act, 2013 (Guj.11 of 2013), the Government of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Rules, 2014, namely: -

1. (1) These rules may be called the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.

2. In the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Rules, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as "the said rules"), in rule 2, for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely: -

"(2) The words and expressions not defined in these rules but defined in the Act'- or the GDCR or the regulations made under section 58 of the Act or in relevant Indian Standards or specifications published by the Bureau of Indian Standards, shall have the meanings respectively assigned_-to them in the Act or GDCR or the regulations made under section 58 of the Act or relevant Indian Standards or specifications published by the Bureau of Indian Standards, for construction and fire safety of buildings or premises and pandals.".

3. In the said rules, for rule 22, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"22. Minimum standards for fire prevention and fire safety for buildings or premises. - (1) The minimum standards for fire prevention, life safety and fire protection for buildings or premises required under sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Act as provided in the GDCR or the regulations made under section 58 of the Act, shall, mutatis mutandis,- apply to the following matters, namely: -

(a) access to building ;,-

(b) number, width, type and arrangement of exits;,-

(c) protection of exits by means of fire check door (s) and/- or pressurization;,-

(d) compartmentation;,-

(e) smoke management system;,-

(f) fire extinguishers;,-

(g) first-aid hose reels;,-

(h) automatic fire detection and alarming system;,-

(i) public address system;,-

(j) automatic sprinkler system;,-

(k) internal hydrants and yard hydrants;,-

(l) pumping arrangements;,-

(m) captive water storage for firefighting;,-

(n) exit signage;,-

(o) provision of lifts;,-

(p) standby power supply;,-

(q) refuge area;,-

(r) fire control room;,-

(s) special fire protection systems for protection of special risks:

Provided that where fire prevention and life safety measures are not provided for any class of occupancy or buildings or premises in the building bye-laws or regulations made under the Act, the Director may require the owner or occupier of such occupancy, or buildings or premises to provide fire prevention and life safety measures in accordance with the international standards as may be specified by the Fire Prevention Wing:

Provided further that where the Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so, it may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax, modify or annul any requirement concerning fire prevention and life safety measures under these rules with respect to any class of occupancy in any building or premises in special areas or in respect of any building or premises that was constructed or was under construction prior to the date of commencement of the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) Where the Regional Fire Officer or the Chief Fire Officer is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, require the owner or occupier of the building or premises to provide additional fire prevention and fire safety measures.".

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4. In the said rules, for rule 27, the following rule shall be substituted, namely: -

"-27. Minimum standards for fire prevention temporary structure, etc.- (1) The minimum standards for fire prevention and life safety for temporary structures such as mandaps, shamiyanas, tents or pandals for the purposes of sub-section (2) of section 27 shall be in accordance with IS:8758:1993 published by the Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi, and the regulations made under section 58 of the Act, relating to the following matters, namely: -

(a) access temporary structures, etc.;

(b) open space around the temporary structures, etc.;

(c) distance from medium and high voltage electrical wires and hazardous installations,-;

(d) means of exits;-

(e) material of construction;,-

(f) first-aid firefighting arrangements;,-

(g) water storage for firefighting;,-

(h) electrical wiring;,-

(i) availability of trained fire-fighting staff.

(2) The promoter, organiser or the owner or occupier shall be required to provide and maintain the measures specified in sub-rule (1).".

5. In the said rules, for the THIRD SCHEDULE, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely: -

"THIRD SCHEDULE

(see sub-rule (1) of rule 14)

List of buildings requiring certificate for compliance of the fire prevention, life safety and fire protection measures.

The following buildings shall require a certificate for compliance of the fire prevention, life safety and fire protection measures: -

(a) All high-rise buildings having a height of 15 m and above, except occupancies /buildings particularly excluded from the said Schedule; and/or

(b) Special buildings, namely: --,

(1) hotel, educational, institutional, business, mercantile, storage, hazardous and mixed--occupancy buildings, where any such building has built-up area of more than 500 m² on any one or more floors cumulatively;

(2) educational buildings having a height of 9 m and above;

(3) institutional buildings having a height of 9 m and above;

(4) all assembly buildings;

(5) all multilevel car parking;

(6) buildings having an area more than 300 m² of incidental assembly occupancy on any floor;

(7) buildings with two or more basements, or with one basement having an area of more than 500 m² ;-

(8) all fuelling stations. -;

(9) industrial buildings; -÷

(a) low hazard – built up area of more than 500 m²;

(b) moderate hazard – built up area of more than 500 m²;

(c) high hazard – built up area of more than 50 m²;

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NOTE:

1. The definitions and terminology of the terms mentioned in this Schedule shall be as per the regulations made under section 58 of the Act.

2. Institutional buildings include hospitals, nursing homes and mental institutions with beds, with or without ICU.

3. Owner or occupiers of the building or premises are advised to provide, fire-fighting, life safety and fire protection installations as mentioned in the regulation made under section 58 of the Act and to maintain the same in operational conditions at all the times, in good faith and practice.

4. For the industrial building categories mentioned in this Schedule, the provisions of the rules shall come into force on the 1st April,'2027."

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

HITESH PATEL,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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