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ORDER

It has been reported in the newspapers last week that a fire broke out at one of the shelters for the elderly being managed by an NGO at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi (copy of the clipping enclosed). It was also reported that two persons have died in the incident. One such incident of fire had occurred in one of the Shelters being managed by DUSIB also last year though no casualties were reported.

DUSIB is running about 182 night shelters. More than 100 of these are being run in Porta Cabins. It is extremely necessary that we take all necessary and possible measures to ensure that no incidence of fire takes place in our shelters. Therefore, a Fire Safety Audit is must, and should be done in a time-bound manner. For doing the same we may consult the Fire Department and a check list should be prepared to make our shelters fire safe. In addition, the Managers of the NGOs should be called at Division level by the Executive Engineers and at Circle level by the Supdtt. Engineers to ensure the compliance of the instructions regarding fire safety measures.

While doing the Fire Safety Audit, we must ensure that no cooking etc., takes place inside the shelter or any inflammable/ hazardous material is stored. The following actions should be taken urgently:

- (i) Inspection of all night shelters be conducted immediately
- (ii) Fire safety instructions developed instructing NGOs to ensure compliance of the same and
- (iii) Making a regular schedule of inspections to ensure compliance of the safety measures.

CE(II) should coordinate this. We may review after a fortnight.

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Encl: as above

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