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HOME (CIVIL DEFENCE) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 8th November 2013

No. 1380—HOME-FS-PWR-0039/2013-CD.—The Directorate of Fire Service, Home Guards and Civil Defence, Odisha, Cuttack had submitted proposal for appointment of all Superintendents of Police in the districts as *ex officio* Commandants of Fire Service, as at present there is no district level administrative structure to supervise and ensure proper functioning of Fire Stations. After careful examination it is felt expedient that the proposed appointment will create a single line of command, which is necessary in disaster situations where the roll of Fire Service personnel is crucial for disaster management and rescue operations.

After careful consideration, Government have been pleased to decide that all Superintendents of Police in the districts be appointed as *ex officio* Commandants of Fire Service in the larger public interest.

Therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Odisha Fire Service Act, 1993 (Odisha Act 30 of 1993), the State Government do hereby appoint all District Superintendents of Police as *ex officio* Commandants of Fire Service of their respective districts with immediate effect until further orders.

By order of the Governor
V. K. SAXENA
Principal Secretary to Government