

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

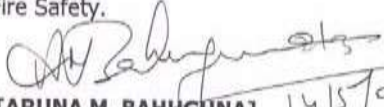
PRESS NOTE

It may be recalled that on 06-11-2007 a serious fire accident occurred at M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Limited, Unit V, IDA Pasha Mylaram Village, Patancheru Mandal, Medak District in which Sri A. Kondaramulu was burnt to death and (i) Sri Y. Gangaraju, (ii) Sri Deepak seriously injured as they were trapped inside the building.

The loss was due to lack of Fire Safety systems. Consequently, the victims could not escape when the fire broke out. The Owner also failed to provide the mandatory Fire Safety measures viz., Automatic detection and alarm system, Yard Hydrant, Foam Monitors, Foam Compound (Reserve of 3,000 litres), Manually operated Fire Alarm system, 3rd party Fire Safety audit, Onsite emergency plan, appropriate training in usage of Fire Fighting equipment to all the staff members, Water Storage Over Head Tank and Static Tank, Fire Proximity suits, Breathing Apparatus Sets which could have prevented the loss of life and injuries to the victims.

In a landmark judgment on 10th April, 2008, the Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Sangareddy convicted the two accused persons namely (1) Sri P. Satyanarayana, Dy. General Manager (Operations) and (ii) Sri V. Shanker Subbu, Plant Manager when they admitted the Offence and pleaded guilty voluntarily u/s 21 of A. P. Fire Services Act, 1999 read with Rule 26(2), 31 and 32 of A. P. Fire & Emergency Operations and Levy of Fee Rules, 2006. They were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 15,000-00 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) each or in default simple imprisonment for two months each.

You are requested to publish this information in the public interest, in order to deter other builders, from violating the provisions of A. P. Fire Service Act, 1999 which was enacted to safeguard the lives and property of citizens. Citizens may visit the website www.fireservices.ap.gov.in of A. P. Fire & Emergency Services Department in order to ascertain the mandatory requirements for Fire Safety.


[ARUNA M. BAHUGUNA] 14/5/08
Director General of Fire & Emergency Services,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. JUDICIAL FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE
AT SANGAREDDY.

S.T.C.N. 63 OF 2008

Between:

The state of A.P. through
District Fire Officer, Medak
at Sangareddy S. Prabodh Reddy.

... Complainant.

And

1. P. Satyanarayana S/O Rajaiiah,
Dy. General Manager, (Operations)
M/S Aurobindo Pharma Ltd. Unit V,
IDA Pasha Mylaram, Dist. Medak.
2. V. Shanker Subbu S/O Veera Swamy,
Plant Manager, M/S Aurobindu Pharma
Pvt. Ltd., Unit V, IDA Psha Mailaram,
Mandal Patancheru, Dist. Medak.

... Accused.

Docket Order Dt. 10-4-2008.

Complainant present. A.1 and A.2 present. A.1 and A.2 are examined U/S 251 Cr.P.C. The contents of the charge sheet for the offence U/S 21 of A.P. Fire Services Act, 1999 R/W Rule 26 (2), 31 and 32 Operations and Fee Rules 2006 punishable U/S 31 of A.P. Fire Services Act were read over and explained to the accused Nos.1 and 2 in english to which they pleaded guilty. I am satisfied that the plea of the accused Nos.1 and 2 are voluntary and I accept the same. Hence, the accused Nos.1 and 2 are convicted U/S 252 Cr.P.C. and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs.15,000/- each, in default, simple imprisonment for two months each for the contraventions of Section 21 of A.P. Fire Services Act, 1999 R/W Rule 26 (2), 31 and 32 Operations and Fee Rules, 2006 punishable U/S 31 of A.P. Fire Services Act. Total fine of Rs.30,000/-.

Pronounced by me in open court on this the 10th day of April, 2008.

M. M. M.
Addl. Judl. First Class
Magistrate, Sangareddy.

