## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## PRESS NOTE

The District Fire Officer, Medak District filed a charge sheet against Sri Bala Kota Reddy for the offence under Section 13, 19, 22 of A.P. F. S Act, 1999 read with Rules 15 & 16 (2) of A.P. Fire & Emergency operations and Levy of fee Rules, 2006 and Multi Storeyed Building Regulations 1981 and Municipal Corporation Building By laws 1981.

The Owner failed to provide the mandatory Fire Safety measures viz., Hose Reel, Wet Riser, Automatic detection and alarm system, Yard Hydrant, Manually operated Fire Alarm system, Water Storage Over Head Tank & under Ground Static Tank and not obtained Provisional No objection Certificate from the Director General of Fire & Emergency Services, A.P., Hyderabad under the provisions of Sec 13 of A.P. Fire Service Act and Regulations 5 (1) of Multi Storeyed Building Regulation Act, 1981 and Constructed a Multi Storeyed Building with G + 6 upper Floors with a height of 21.03 mts at , H.No. 8-2-696/697 Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

In a landmark judgment on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2008, Hon'ble III Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Nampally, Hyderabad in S.T.C No. 16 of 2008 convicted the accused | Sri Bal Kota Reddy when he admitted the Offence and pleaded guilty and repentation take lenient view under Section 252 Cr.P.C. and under Section 13, 19, 22 of A.P. F. S Act, 1999 read with Rule 1 and 26 (2) and A. P. Fire & Emergency Operations and Levy of Fee Rules, 2006. The Accused was sentenced to pay a fine of 9,000/- (Rupees Nine Thousand only) for contravening the Sections 13, 19, 22 of Andhra Pradesh Fire Service Act 1999. In default of payment of fine amount, he has to suffer simple imprisonment for one month.

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 <a href="www.fireservices.ap.gov.in">www.fireservices.ap.gov.in</a> of A. P. Fire & Emergency Services Department in order to ascertain the mandatory requirements of Fire and Life Safety.

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